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DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS.

To-day.

(April 9.)

Annual Inspection, H.K.V.D.C. by G.O.C. Murray Parade ground, 6 p.m.

Hong Kong Cricket Club, Tennis Tournament: Open Doubles: M. K. Lo and M. W. Lo v. Ho Ka Lau and Yew Man Kit; Handicap Singles "A": Foley (sec. 3/0) v. J. H. Anderson (owe 3/0); A. C. I. Bowker (rec. 1/0); Handicap Singles "B": Jensen (rec. 5/0) v. O. C. Womack (owe 1/0) or Clarnbutt (rec. 1/0); Mixed Doubles: Mr. and Mrs. Bishop (sec.) v. Remington and Mrs. H. Owen Hughes (rec. 2/0); Hill and Mrs. Orme (rec. 2/0) v. Monaghan and Mrs. James (owe 4/0); Humphreys and Miss Thomas (owe 15) v. Sewell and Mrs. Percy (owe 1/0).

Queen's Theatre: "Sea Bat."

World Theatre: "What A Widow."

Star Theatre: "Raffles."

Central Theatre: "Flight."

King's Theatre: "Spoilers."

Majestic Theatre: "Thunder-bolt."

Dances: Tea Dance, H.K. Hotel; Dinner Dances, Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels.

European Mail.—Inward: Europe via Siberia (Muzapore); Europe via Suez (Kalyan). Outward: Europe via Siberia (Empress of Asia) 6 p.m.

Friday.

(April 10.)

H.E. The Governor Opens New Union Church, 5.45 p.m.

Annual General Meeting, Engineers Institute, 6 p.m.

Lammert's Auction of Household Furniture, Salesroom, 2.30 p.m.

Hong Kong Cricket Club, Tennis Tournament.—Open Doubles: C. A. L. Ramjahn and J. A. Cassambhoy v. P. Kong and W. T. Lee; Handicap Singles "A": A. B. Haworth (owe 4/0) v. L. Forster (owe 15.2); Handicap Singles "B": Price (owe 15) v. Keyserling (owe 4/0); Handicap Doubles: Redmond and Ride (owe 4/0) v. Wade and Ring (rec. 1/0) or Petrie and Lewis (sec.); Foley and Montgomery (owe 3/0) v. Sayer and Humphreys (owe 15); Mixed Doubles Handicap: Mr. and Mrs. Blaker (rec. 2/0) v. Mr. and Mrs. Stark (sec.); Armstrong and Mrs. Keary (owe 15) v. Mr. and Miss Tuffon (sec.).

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Saturday.

(April 11.)

Law & Commerce Society (University) Dinner, Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 2.30 p.m.

Cricket.—Division 1: Craigen power O.C. v. Indian R.C. (L.).

BUENOS AIRES.

DAZZLING DRESSES AND LAVISH PARTIES.

POLO PONIES—AND FOOTBALL.

To those who have never been to Buenos Aires the name conjures up a picture of a smiling city, a city rich with beauty—sun-drenched squares of quaint, one-storeyed buildings, palms, tropical nights, and soft music.

To me, it always seems that a city is unlucky when approached via its docks, for docks all the world over are apt to depress. Ships, quays, more ships, more quays, tugs rushing about with self-important screams, so busy eternally churning the water and bumping their noses against the sides of liners which require direction—and then more ships and quays.

And Buenos Aires, the heart of which city lies so near those docks, is built as all modern American cities are built, the streets intersecting at right angles, wide streets, a square or two dotted here and there, but all very thorough, all uniform and terribly right-angled, and the land is rather flatter than any pancake built by woman. All the same, as we shall see a little later, Buenos Aires has not done badly spite of these natural disadvantages.

The Main Street.

After the passage of a year the features which remain most vividly in my mind start with the Florida, that main street which is surprisingly narrow and which must provoke the jealousy of so many other of the streets of Buenos Aires, which are grander, more open, more beautiful in every respect, but no whit more straight (it would be refreshing if one could find a crooked street in Buenos Aires, just as refreshing as rain can be when met with in Chicago on the way from California, or fog out of London).

This is the main street all the same, the Rue de la Paix, the Bond street, or the Fifth Avenue of the Argentine.

Here may be met, as in all those other great thoroughfares, the representatives of those great shops which deal only in the smartest streets of the smartest capitals, and here may be purchased at propor-

tionately intensive prices all those things which can be purchased in such thoroughfares of fashion. Harrods, imposing and stretching for a considerable distance down the Florida, is the centre of fashion during the day.

Fascinating Beauties.

Here may be seen almost at any hour those most fascinating beauties—the South American girls. Slim and sleek, walking with an easy sinuous grace which European mannishness vainly strive to copy, their dark shining hair, exquisite number colouring—which owes its beauty to the combined effect of sun and cosmetics—haunting eyes and smiling vivacity attracted my eyes beyond the bounds of conventional politeness.

Always gorgeously attired in the most expensive and tasteful clothes, they are the true beauties of this city—dazzling, unforgettable. Here may be seen also their inevitable escorts: men dressed by Bond street, but in taste of colour rather than an abandoned Bond street, chattering with a speed which must appear to anyone who does not know the language to be abnormal. The stranger forgets that a foreign language, no matter how slowly spoken, will always give the impression of incomprehensible rapidity.

Then there is the Jockey Club, a building imposing from the outside, but with so much grandeur inside that the atmosphere of the Club perhaps is not quite so friendly as it would be in a smaller building. The hospitality of its members, however, is so remarkable that it overcomes without difficulty the coldness of the surroundings and makes of it something of beauty to look at and not of frigid overpowering magnificence.

The Jockey Club.

This Jockey Club owns the racecourse which is a little way out of Buenos Aires, and is one of the most beautiful racecourses I have ever seen. The horses competing are of grand breeding, but the drawback to racing in the Argentine is that there are not sufficient of them, and there are held so many meetings that they must race against each other on many occasions throughout the racing season. (Continued on Page 4.)

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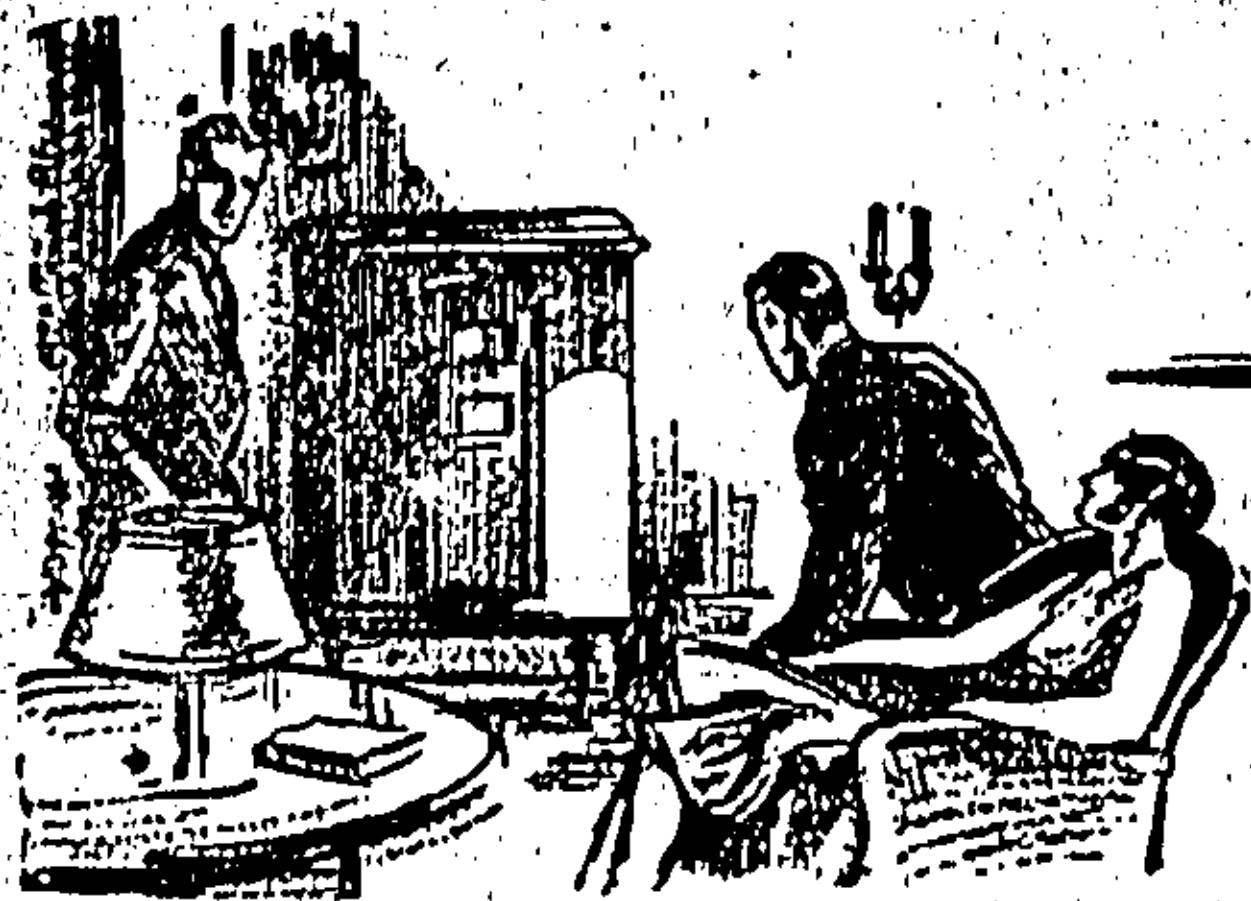
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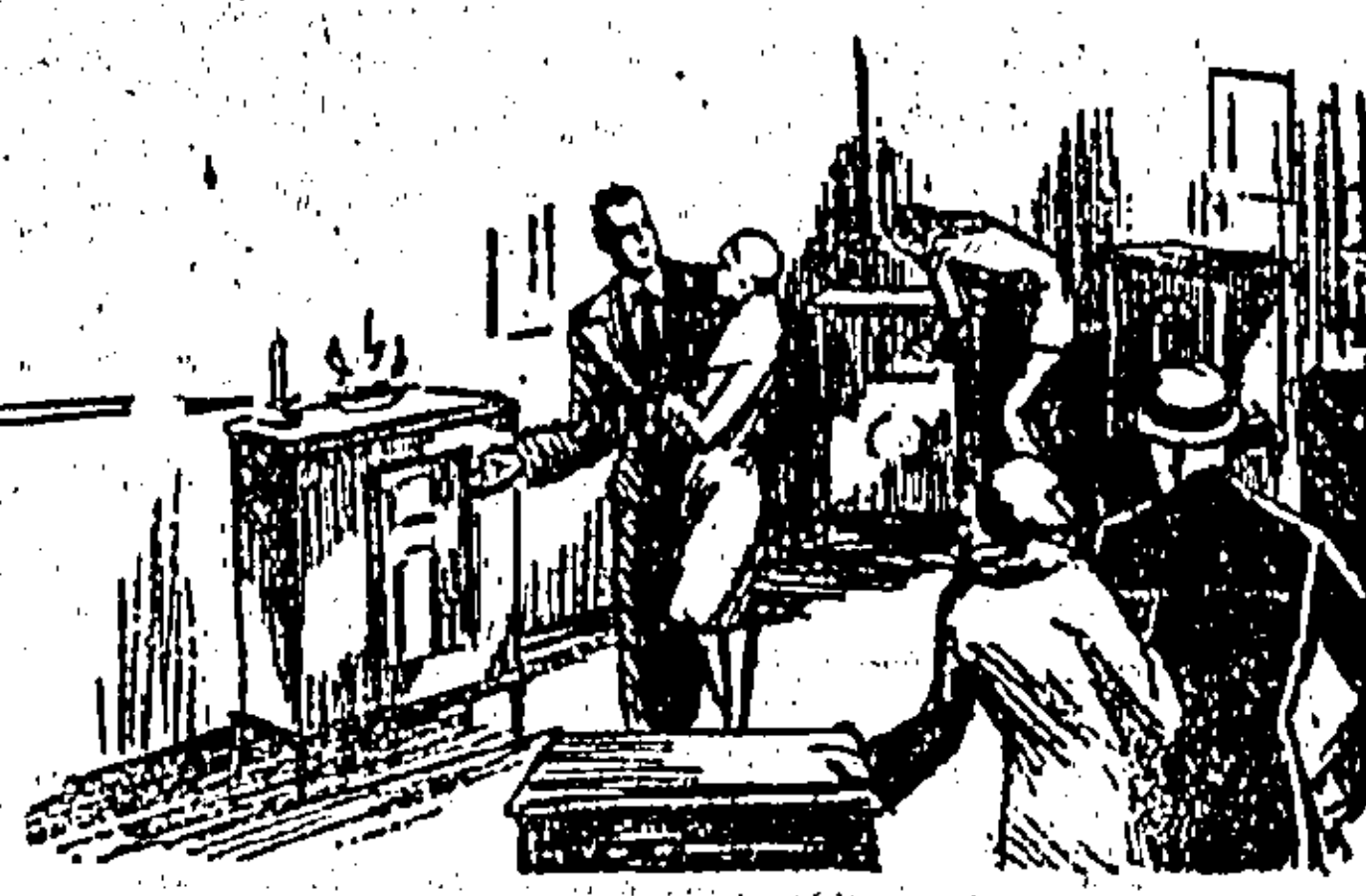
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It is unfortunately only too true that we know nothing whatever of the absolute or fundamental nature of magnetism or electricity. Luckily, however, this does not prevent us from making good use of their known properties. Nor does it discourage us from seeking for further new properties in the hope that they too can be utilised to good purpose.

The Importance of Magnetism.

Magnetism, in particular, offers a very promising field of research at the present time. For some reason there is a general tendency to regard it as a sort of "maiden aunt" among the sciences—old-fashioned and of little interest apart from its association with electricity.

Nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, at least two important developments in modern radio practice are due entirely to recent discoveries in the field of magnetism. In the first place we have the introduction of nickel-iron-cored transformers for low-frequency amplifiers, and in the second place the use of "permanent" magnets made of cobalt-steel for moving-coil loud-speakers.

The magnetic properties of iron are profoundly affected both by the presence of various "foreign" substances in the metal; and by change of temperature. Take, for instance, the difference between the magnetic behaviour of soft iron and annealed steel, which after all is only soft iron mixed with carbon and

other "impurities" and subjected to a particular form of heat treatment.

Nickel-Iron Materials.

Still more remarkable are the changes that can be produced by mixing iron with different proportions of nickel or cobalt. For example nickel-steel, which contains about 25 per cent. of nickel, has practically no magnetic properties at all, although both steel and nickel are normally magnetic metals.

On the other hand, simply by changing the proportions of nickel and iron, a number of different alloys can be produced which possess extraordinary magnetic permeability.

Among these the most important, for the wireless constructor, is the particular series known as Permalloy, Mumetal, etc., all of which produce an intense magnetic flux in response to a comparatively feeble exciting-current.

The first of this series—Permalloy—was discovered some years ago by G. W. Elmer of the Bell Telephone Laboratories. It consists of a mixture of four parts of nickel with one of iron, the mixture being subjected in the course of preparation to a particular and complicated process of heating and cooling.

More recently a similar combination of nickel and iron—known as Permalloy C—has been discovered

which has even greater permeability. In addition, it requires a less elaborate form of heat treatment during manufacture.

The permeability of ordinary Permalloy is between six and seven times that of the best silicon steel. Roughly speaking a choke or transformer fitted with a core of Permalloy is equivalent to one three times its weight and bulk having a silicon-steel core.

This represents a considerable saving where questions of size and weight must be carefully studied, as in the case of portable and transportable sets. For instance, one well-known firm makes a transformer weighing only 7 oz. having a primary inductance as high as 50 henries, and step-up ratio of 2½ to 1.

A Few of the Advantages.

"High-mu" cores are particularly suitable for L.F. transformers, where the main object in view is to give an effective step-up in voltage.

Since fewer primary turns are required to create a given flux density in the core, the self-capacity of the windings is correspondingly reduced, and there is less tendency to by-pass the higher notes. Also since the ratio of secondary to primary windings can be increased, for a given size of transformer, a higher step-up amplification is obtainable.

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HAVE YOU HEARD THESE?

Here are lists of long-wave and short-wave stations which should be picked up by anyone in Hong Kong who has a moderately good set suitable for receiving such signals. Success in picking up these stations also depends very largely upon favourable atmospheric conditions. Readers are invited to add to this list should they succeed in picking up any station not included in either of these lists.

LONG-WAVE STATIONS.

Wave Length (Metres)	Station	Call Sign	Kilo-cycle
260	Manila	K.Z.I.B.	1,183
277	Shanghai	K.S.M.B.	1,055
280	Tientsin	C.R.C.	1,070
310	Shanghai	K.R.C.	997
320	Peking	C.O.P.K.	945
345	Tokyo	J.O.B.K.	870
353	Hiroshima	J.O.F.K.	850
355	Hong Kong	Z.B.W.	848
357	Bombay	V.U.B.	840
361	Sapporo	J.O.I.K.	830
366	Keijo	J.O.D.K.	820
370	Nagoya	J.O.C.K.	810
370.4	Calcutta	V.U.O.	809.9
380	Kumamoto	J.O.G.K.	790
390	Sendai	J.O.H.K.	770
395	Dairen	J.D.A.K.	760
398	Rangoon	V.U.R.	754
400	Osaka	J.O.B.K.	750
410	Canton	C.M.B.	728
413	Manila	K.Z.B.M.	725

SHORT-WAVE STATIONS.

Wave Length (Metres)	Station	Call Sign	Kilo Cycle	Time (Hong Kong) of Working
67.65	Dobitz (Germany)	A.F.K.	4,434	Mon., Wed. & Fri., 6 p.m. & 2 a.m.
60.12	Khabarovsk (Russia)	R.A.97.	4,900	6-10 p.m.
58.7	Nauen	A.G.J.	5,201	Not regular
50	Moscow	R.F.N.	6,000	Tues., Thurs., Sat. 8 p.m.
49.5	Bonn	I.M.A.	6,060	Sunday midnight
42	Perth	G.A.G.	7,142	Daily 6.30 p.m. & 11 p.m.
41.3	Singapore	V.S.I.A.E.	7,310	Not regular
38.8	Kootwijk (Holland)	P.C.L.	7,730	Daily 11 p.m.
37	Bangkok (Siam)	H.S.A.P.J.	8,108	Tues. & Fri., 9 p.m.—1 a.m.
35.4	Sydney	2.L.L.	9,230	Not regular
31.56	Melbourne	2.L.O.	9,503	Not regular
31.48	Schenectady	V.S.X.A.F.	9,530	Daily 7 a.m.
31.20	Elmhoven (Holland)	P.C.J.	9,620	Fri. 8 a.m., Sat. 3 a.m. & 10 a.m.
31.28	Sydney	2.F.C.	9,600	Not regular
31	Nairobi (Kenya)	7.L.O.	9,677	Midnight daily
28.5	Sydney	2.M.E.	10,508	Not regular
27.8	Bandoeng	P.L.R.	11,020	Midnight—3 a.m. daily
25.53	Ohlmsdorf (England)	S.B.W.	11,751	7.30 p.m. & 3 a.m. daily, except Saturday and Sunday
24.5	Manila	K.L.X.B.	12,240	Nightly
23.35	Schenectady	V.S.X.O.	12,860	3 a.m. Wed., Fri., Sat.
18.85	Bandoeng	P.L.G.	16,102	Daily 6.30 p.m. to midnight
18.4	Kootwijk (Holland)	P.C.L.	16,304	Daily 7 p.m.
17.4	Bandoeng	P.L.F.	17,230	Daily 8 p.m. to midnight
16.9	Bangkok	H.S.I.P.J.	17,751	Sundays 7 p.m. & midnight
16.2	Kootwijk (Holland)	P.C.L.	18,404	Each afternoon
15.74	Bandoeng	P.L.E.	19,251	Daily 6.30-7 p.m.
15.5	Nancy (France)	P.L.E.	19,251	Daily 3 a.m.
15.3	Pittsburg	W.S.X.E.	21,540	Not regular

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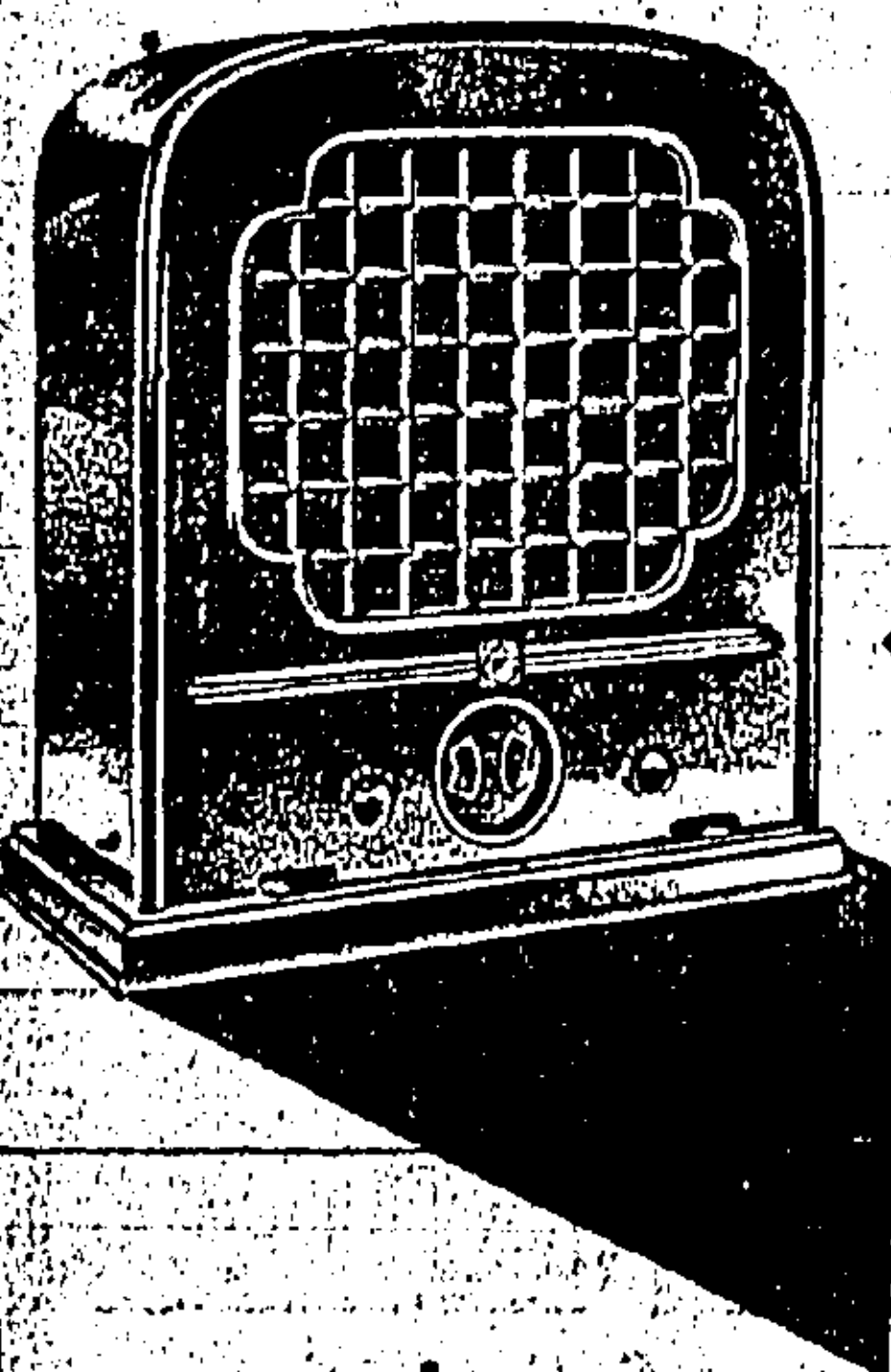
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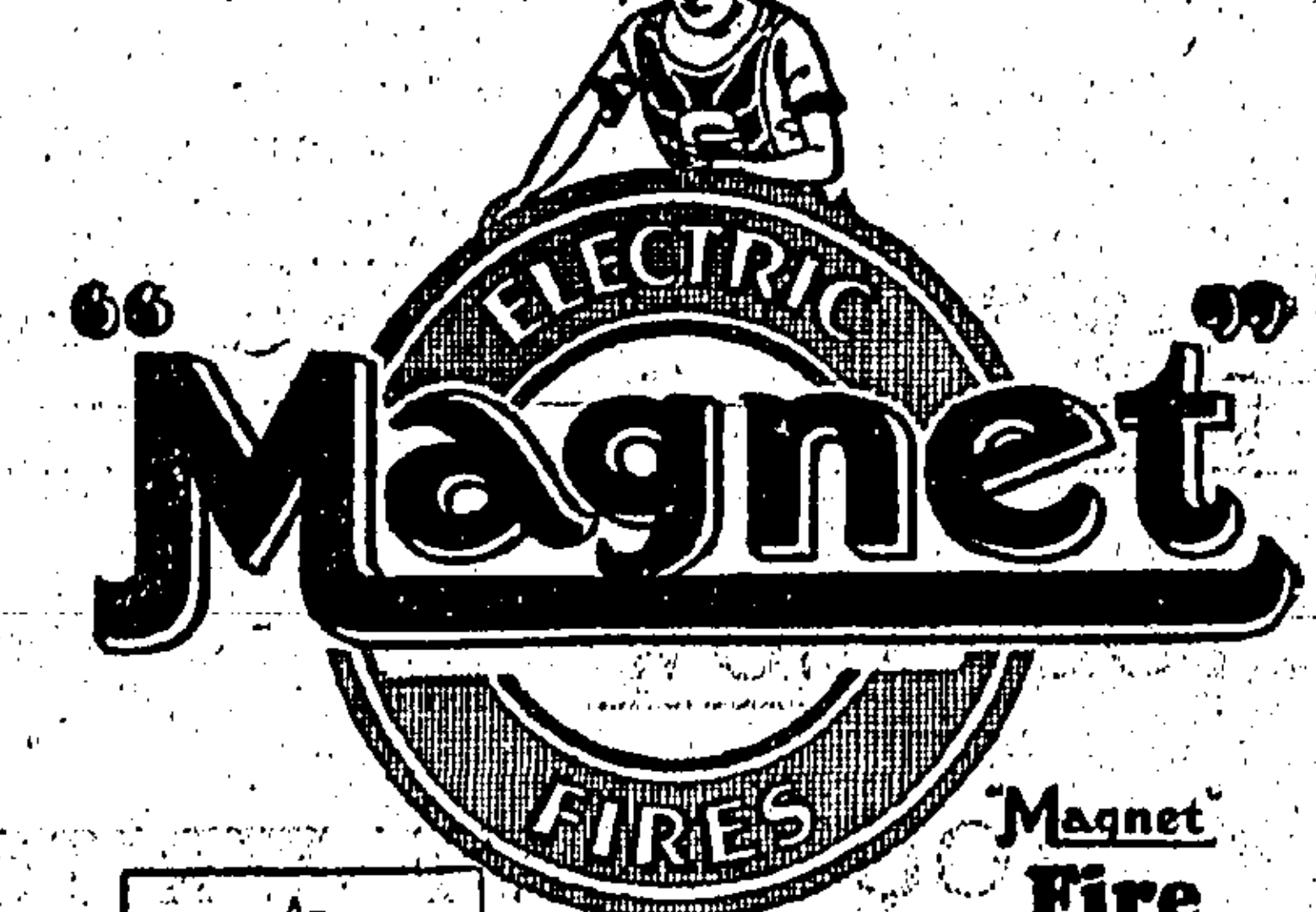
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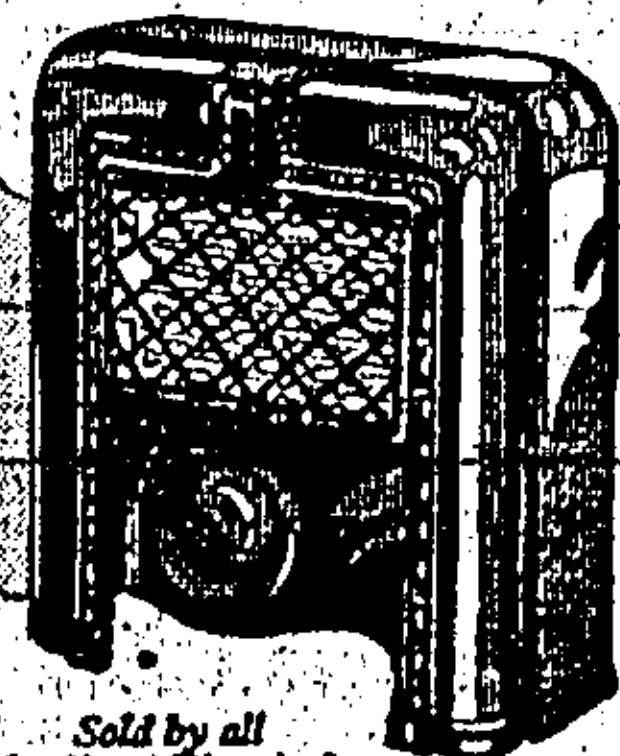
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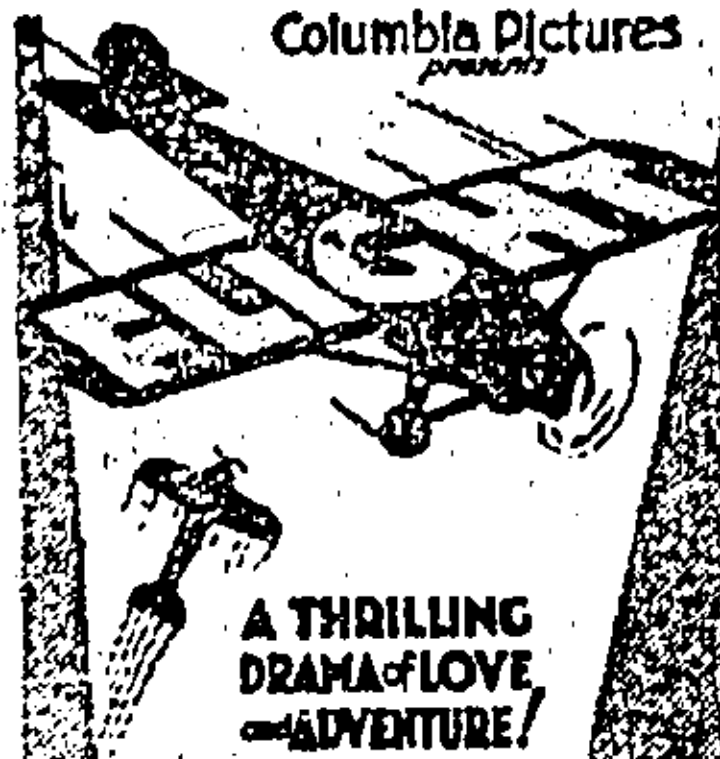
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long and as thick as one's little
finger is dropped down on to a
second bar of similar size, the first
bar rebounds and remains sus-
pended, apparently in empty space. The
force of repulsion between the two
is obviously stronger than the
gravitational pull on the suspended
metal bar.This intense magnetic flux is per-
manently fixed in the alloy. It
does not "evaporate" either under
mechanical vibration or with change
of temperature. For this reason it
is now being fitted to moving-coil
speakers.In the ordinary way it is neces-
sary to supply from 20 to 30 watts
of energy, either from a special
battery or from the mains, so long
as the speaker is in operation.
With a cobalt-steel magnet all this
is saved.The permanent magnet is made
in several sections, which are not
bolted together, but are held fixed
in position by their own mutual
attraction. In fact it requires a
straight pull of over a ton to re-
move a "keeper" once it has
been placed over the poles of the
magnet.

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interfere with near-by wireless re-
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do not realise that the trouble is
due to the tramway system and
merely complain that their recei-
vers "seem to pick up a lot of at-
mospheres." This type of inter-
ference can be experienced in various
forms; for instance, it may be due
only to the use of automatic points.
This will produce a loud click in
near-by loudspeakers whenever the
points are operated. Or it may be
due to faulty insulation of the
power system, or faulty motor
equipment in the car, or a trolley
pole making poor contact, etc. In
each of these cases, the result will
be a loud crackling in the loud-
speaker. Sometimes the crackling
only occurs when a car passes the
house, in other cases it will occur
throughout the whole of the time
the cars are in operation, whether
a car is passing the building or
not. There are, of course, various
methods by which this interference
may be reduced and, in some cases,
completely eliminated.

Some Remedies.

Assuming that the interference is
there in the first place, all that the
amateur can do is to arrange his
receiver and aerial-earth system so
that it does not pick up the in-
terference. In most cases, it is not
possible to get to the source of the
interference and abolish it there
and so the amateur has to be con-
tent with arranging his apparatus
so that it picks up the broadcast
transmissions to the exclusion of the
tramway interference.Probably the most common cause
of this interference is that the aerial
is erected too near the power
wires. The remedy, of course, is
to erect the aerial as far away from
the wires as possible and at right
angles.If the reduction in signal
strength is not objected to, the use
of an indoor aerial will sometimes
reduce the strength of the inter-
ference out of all proportion to that
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place to-day at Verdun an impor-
tant Franco-Italian ceremony which
was evidence of the improved re-
lations between the two countries
and which will have great effect on
the large number of Italians living
in the east of France.Signor Montelli, Consul-General
for Italy at Nancy, presided over
a reunion of a departmental section
of ex-soldiers held at Verdun.
Many Italian personalities took
part as well as Italian and French
delegations from other regions, with
their flags.At noon 150 Italian ex-soldiers,
accompanied by civil and military
officials, proceeded to the Victory
Monument, and then made a pil-
grimage to the War Memorial.where the Italian Consul-General
laid a wreath of flowers. Several
speeches recalled the blood spilt in
a common cause and which has
cemented a deep friendship between
the two countries. The ceremonies
of the day concluded with a ban-
quet in which the parliamentary re-
presentatives of the district took
part.be achieved by using either a
separate aerial coupling coil al-
together, or by placing a fixed con-
denser in series with both aerial
and earth leads. The size of the
aerial condenser is not important
and, of course, the smaller it is, the
sharper the tuning will become. A
good average size is .0003 mfd. It
is, however, important that the
earth condenser should be large,
otherwise hand capacity and in-
stability are likely to result. It
should not be smaller than .1
microfarad.If the house is wired with long
loud-speaker extension leads, these
may be picked up, some of the in-
terference, especially if ordinary
rubber or cotton-covered wire is
used. This type of interference
may nearly always be cured by
using lead-covered cable for the ex-
tensions and earthing the cover.Of course, this will introduce some
slight extra capacity between the
loud-speaker leads, with a conse-
quent cutting off of the higher
notes, but it is a case of choosing
between two evils.By keeping the aerial and earth
circuits entirely separated from the
receiver, the interference is not like-
ly to be so pronounced. This can
(Continued on next column.)ATTACK ON ROTARY
CLUBS."MUTUAL ADMIRATION
SOCIETIES."A suggestion that the Rotary
movement is composed of a series
of mutual admiration societies and
back-stroking individuals anxious to
devious methods to appease slum-
bering consciences, which was made
by one of its leading officials, Mr.
William A. Nixon, Chairman of the
Manchester Rotary Club and pre-
sident of the No. 5 District, caused
consternation and protests at the
annual conference at Blackpool on
February 21."We want a Mussolini to alter
some features of Rotary," said Mr.
Nixon in his presidential address,
which, owing to his indisposition
following an attack of influenza, was
read by the secretary of the con-
ference.Vocational service, instead of
being an ideal, he continued, was
to many clubs merely a figure of
speech. Too much emphasis had
been put on the community service
ideal of Rotary. Many clubs had
set out to obtain publicity from that
service, and many members were
welcomed only from the cheque-book
standpoint.In many cases it was possible to
buy exemption from personal ser-
vice, and as a result there were
too many passengers who would
never pull their weight.Some of these people used the
movement as a lunch club, others
to satisfy slumbering consciences,
others to gain indirect publicity, or
for surface fellowship or friendship.
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radio engineer of "Remote Con-
trol," William Haines' latest
talkie, showing on Sunday at the
Queen's Theatre.Nugent has turned antique deal-
er, having recently opened a shop
in Hollywood where he spends his
antique time hunting for rare
antique to fill orders. It seems that
comical Eddie's serious side is a
wide knowledge of antiques, and
having from time to time been called
upon to locate pieces for col-
lectors, he decided to turn the ex-
perience into profits.Eddie is one of the funsters
who support Haines in his newest
talkie which was based on the New
York stage hit revolving about a
series of bank robberies directly
traced to a mysterious broadcasting
programme. Others in the cast are
Charles King, Mary Moran, J. C. Nugent,
Willard Mack, James Donlan, Ed-
ward Brophy, Warner P. Richmond
and Russell Hopton.The Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer pro-
duction was filmed under the direc-
tion of Edward Sedgwick.

CENTRAL THEATRE.

"FLIGHT"

Columbia's all-talking roadshow
attraction, "Flight," is showing at
the Central Theatre. The cast in-
cludes Jack Holt, Lila Lee, Ralph
Graves, Harold Goodwin, Jimmy
Don La Cruz and Alan Roscoe.Against the varied and picture-
que backgrounds of a marine flying
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Levitzi.Vocal Duet—"The Old Sweet
Song."—Winnie McVillie and
Derek Oldham.Violin Solo—"Fragrant Seren-
ade" (Franz Lehar).—Fritz
Kreiser.Violin Solo—"Kreiser Seren-
ade" (Franz Lehar).—Fritz
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Moon" (Coates).—Sydney Col-
ham (Tenor).Pianoforte Solo—"Concerto in E
Minor" (Medtner).—Benno
Moisevitch.Pianoforte Solo—"Suggestion
Diabolique" (Prokofiev).—
Benno Moisevitch.Violin Solo—"Humoresque"
(Tchaikovsky-Kreisler).—Fritz
Kreiser.Violin Solo—"Album Leaf" (Rach-
maïnov-Kreisler).—Fritz Krei-
ser.Song—"The Village Blacksmith"
(Voisac).—Peter Dawson (Bass-
Baritone).8 p.m.—Weather report, local time,
etc.
8.05 to 10.30 p.m.—Chinese studio
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BUENOS AIRES.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Also, belonging to the Jockey Club, there is a golf course of an inland character, but well laid out and with many good holes which give amusing shots to play. There are other golf courses within easy reach of Buenos Aires: in fact, golf is making great strides in the Argentine, not only amongst the rich, who are making of it almost a fashion, but also among the poorer people. For this state of affairs—a very healthy one to find in a people not over-inclined to exercise—much credit is due to those responsible for arranging the tours of several of our leading professionals to the Argentine in recent years, and also to the professionals themselves.

Polo, of course, is played extensively, and the prowess of the Argentine team, which has played in this country and in America with great success, is not only a tribute to the ponies, but also the men who ride and train them. But in the Argentine, as elsewhere, polo is a rich man's game.

The architects of Buenos Aires have borrowed from North America, but not entirely; they have also borrowed from the stately homes of England and from the châteaux of France. Whilst the mixture is a very definite mixture and, therefore, is inclined to deny to the city of Buenos Aires a definite character, perhaps this is not such a bad thing all the same, for it provides a distinct relief from the monotonous symmetry of the streets.

Amusements of an evening appear, at first sight, scarce to the visitor, but actually this is not so in Society. There is a night club to which Society occasionally goes, more for the sake of the cabaret than for anything else, but when it goes it goes behind the screened curtains of a box, and does not surround the floor or dance upon it.

Society.

In the great private homes which are dotted about Buenos Aires lavish parties are given, for which money disappears as rapidly as the champagne which invariably accompanies them, so that although there is no such thing in Buenos Aires as a youth asking a girl friend out to supper and a dance, the pair nevertheless contrive to amuse themselves equally as well, for there is scarcely a night in the season at which some party or other is not being given in some great mansion.

So much for Society. For the rest, those who outnumber them by so many, those who populate the town, it is difficult for the traveller to obtain an understanding, since they seem to disappear on very private business the moment their work is done. There are cinemas and theatres and, of course, the opera—the only one of these entertainments to which the rich and poor go.

Crowds go to watch "football" matches, and the standard of football in South America generally is very high. It is true that conditions are all against the visiting English League teams which have occasionally made tours, but this cannot be offered as a good enough excuse for the fact that they have seldom recently come away having won more matches than they have lost. As for these crowds, mere watching may not be the highest form of sport, but a breath of fresh air must do good.

I would not say that Buenos Aires was a light-hearted or care-free city, the sort of city that my imagination had conjured up for me before I reached it; but it is gay, it is happy, and the depressing effect of the Rio de la Plata as one reaches the city from England is very rapidly banished when the docks are left behind.—Gerard Fairlie in the London Morning Post.

"NATURE CURE" DOCTOR.

INQUEST JURY ON "GROSS CARELESSNESS."

The alleged "gross carelessness" and "great neglect" by a "nature cure practitioner" of a woman patient were condemned by a coroner and jury at a New Barnet inquest.

The inquest was on Mrs. Pansy Gladys Pickett, aged 35, of Ballard's Way, Addington, Croydon, who died at the house of Mr. Victor Dane, at Shaftesbury-avenue, New Barnet.

The woman's husband said that she went to New Barnet to take a nature cure treatment under Mr. Dane's direction.

He did not know what qualifications Mr. Dane had and could not say whether he supplied medicine or not. He saw his wife at Mr. Dane's house and she then told him she was very happy and felt better for the treatment she was receiving.

The Coroner.—Did you have any conversation with Dane about a doctor being called in?—No. I knew she did not wish to see a doctor.

After her death Dane told me he had been considering the advisability of calling in a doctor and now wished that he had done so.

"Marvellous Improvement."
You were quite satisfied about her condition?—Yes; I saw her in bed and I noticed a marvellous improvement in her.

The husband added that he left Dane's house at 8 p.m., and next day he received word that his wife was dead.

"My wife had a great aversion to doctors," he said. "Since last summer I had frequently tried to get her to obtain medical advice, but she absolutely refused. In was her express desire to go to Dane for treatment."

It was stated that on the day of Mrs. Pickett's death Mr. Dane and his wife were away. They left New Barnet at 6 a.m. and returned at 8 p.m. Mrs. Pickett died at 9 a.m. next day.

Diagnosed Anæmia.
Mr. Dane said that when he first saw Mrs. Pickett he suspected she was suffering from anæmia. Later he diagnosed anæmia, for which he treated her.

Dr. O'Callaghan, of New Barnet, who made a post-mortem examination, said that the cause of Mrs. Pickett's death was advanced tuberculosis of both lungs. The body weighed only 53 stone, against the normal weight, for a woman of Mrs. Pickett's height, of 9 stone.

Returning a verdict of Death from Natural Causes, the jury declared that medical aid should have been called in several days before Mrs. Pickett died, having regard to the wrongful diagnosis of her illness. They were also of opinion, considering the undertaking given by Dane and the fees paid to him, that gross carelessness was shown by Mr. and Mrs. Dane in leaving the patient for a whole day without efficient help.

The Coroner.—I entirely agree with your rider. The woman was seriously ill, and it was most improper to leave her for 14 hours without efficient care.

A SCOT CONFESSES.

ENGLAND FOR BEAUTY.

The confession that he, a Scot, had been converted to the opinion that Oxfordshire was the most beautiful part of the British Isles was made by an M.P., Colonel John Buchan, opening at Oxford an exhibition of photographs showing how buildings could either spoil or enhance the beauty of a countryside.

Emphasising the value of the exhibition, Colonel Buchan said that no article or speech could impress upon the public the purpose of the exhibition as forcibly as an actual demonstration. He expressed the comforting view that Britain was really awakened at last to the tremendous importance of preserving her beauties, though a few more years of neglect might have made it impossible ever to save the countryside.

Colonel Buchan agreed that practical considerations could not be overlooked, but said that people were accustomed to use the word "practical" rather loosely. If some idiotic Government, he said, took the masterpieces of the National Gallery and used them as firecreens, that would not be practical, and in the same way it was unnecessary to ruin a work of art like an Oxfordshire village. A progressive England need not be an ugly England.

MISS BETTY NUTHALL.

RIVIERA MYSTIFIED BY HER LAWN TENNIS LAPSES.

Mentone.—The loss of accuracy in Miss Betty Nuthall's lawn tennis since she has been on the Riviera this season is puzzling the whole of the Riviera tennis world. She has not played a single game up to the standard of her "last-year's" form, and recently, against the meticulously accurate Mme. Mathieu, the leading French woman player, Miss Nuthall's service was described as "appalling," and her driving out and into the net became surprisingly frequent.

Seldom did Miss Nuthall send her first service into the service court on numerous occasions. Miss Nuthall's only sign of fight was made in the second set, when Mme. Mathieu led 5-3. Six times Miss Nuthall snatched the match-point from her opponent before she lost it by driving out twice and double-faulting in the last game. Miss Nuthall was beaten 7-5, 6-3.

Contrasts.

Miss Betty Nuthall's alternating brilliance and weakness are always a sore perplexity to her friends (writes a Lawn Tennis Correspondent). By winning the American championship at the end of last summer she raised the highest hopes for the season now beginning. On the Riviera she has struck another bad patch, for her defeat by an equal, Mme. Mathieu

Franco's best woman player—was preceded by one at the hands of Mrs. Satterthwaite, whom she ought regularly to beat. The swing of Mrs. Satterthwaite, whom she ought regularly to beat. The swing of the pendulum may bring her back into form for the English season. Certainly "Betty" has in her tennis of the world-beating kind; the aggravating fact is that only occasionally does it come out.

Mother's Retort to a Critic.

Over the long-distance telephone I inquired of her mother at Monte Carlo what, if anything, is amiss with Miss Nuthall's game. I told her of the comments which had reached England on Betty's defeat of yesterday by the French star, Mme. Mathieu.

Mrs. Nuthall laughed and said: "You can tell Betty's friends in London that she's not the least down-hearted about losing a couple of matches. Why should she be? There's nothing wrong with her or her game."

"I won't say that Betty is playing as well as ever she played in her life. She is not. But she is playing as well as she ever did in February and March."

"Until now she has hardly touched a racket since she came home from America last October, after winning the United States championship. She has come down here to get into practice."

"One of her critics actually told me that it was up to her to arrive here in practice. I told him to mind his own business."

"Let the critics give my girl a chance, and not expect from her the same form in February as in June."

MULTI-ENGINE PLANES.

VALUE IN BOMBING AND AIR FIRING.

Royal Air Force tactical experts are directing increased attention towards multi-engined types of aircraft as a result of air firing and bombing tests.

It has been found that twin-engined aircraft of the night "bomber" type have obtained much higher accuracy in bombing than the single-engined day "bombers." These results are attributed to the improved view of the bomb aimer and to the absence of tremor from an engine mounted direct to the fuselage as well as to the larger size of the machine.

It has been suggested that efforts should be made to develop fast multi-engined day "bombers" which, while retaining the advantages of the night "bomber" so far as accuracy of bombing and firing is concerned, will, in addition, be nearly as fast and as manoeuvrable as the single-engined machines.

A day "bomber's" only means of defence while flying on a course is through the action of gunners armed with movable guns. The fixed front gun of the single-engined aircraft, however, while suitable for high performance single-seater fighters whose work is exclusively offensive, is thought by some to be almost useless for defensive purposes.

The twin-engined aircraft, on the other hand, is armed with several gunners operating movable guns, which can sweep the entire sphere of sky round the machine.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE.

FORTHCOMING CHARITY CONCERT.

A concert, in aid of the St. John Ambulance Brigade funds, will be held in King's College on May 2, at 9 p.m., at which H.E. the Governor and Lady Peel have promised to be present. The artistes who will contribute to the programme are:—The Welsh Choir (30 voices) of the South Wales Borderers, by kind permission of Lt.-Col. R. F. Gross, D.S.O.; Mrs. Valentine and Mrs. Sanger; Messrs. D. Bartlett, Li Chor Chi, and H. G. Anniss; the Bectorian String Quartette (Messrs. Szenty, Gonzales, Evelie, and Rosario); Messrs. True and Winran; and the Indian Recreation Club members, who will present a play entitled "Black Magic."

The prices of seats are \$3, \$2, and \$1, and tickets may be obtained from the Secretary, King's College, Brigade members, and the Ma Luk clinic, in the King's Theatre.

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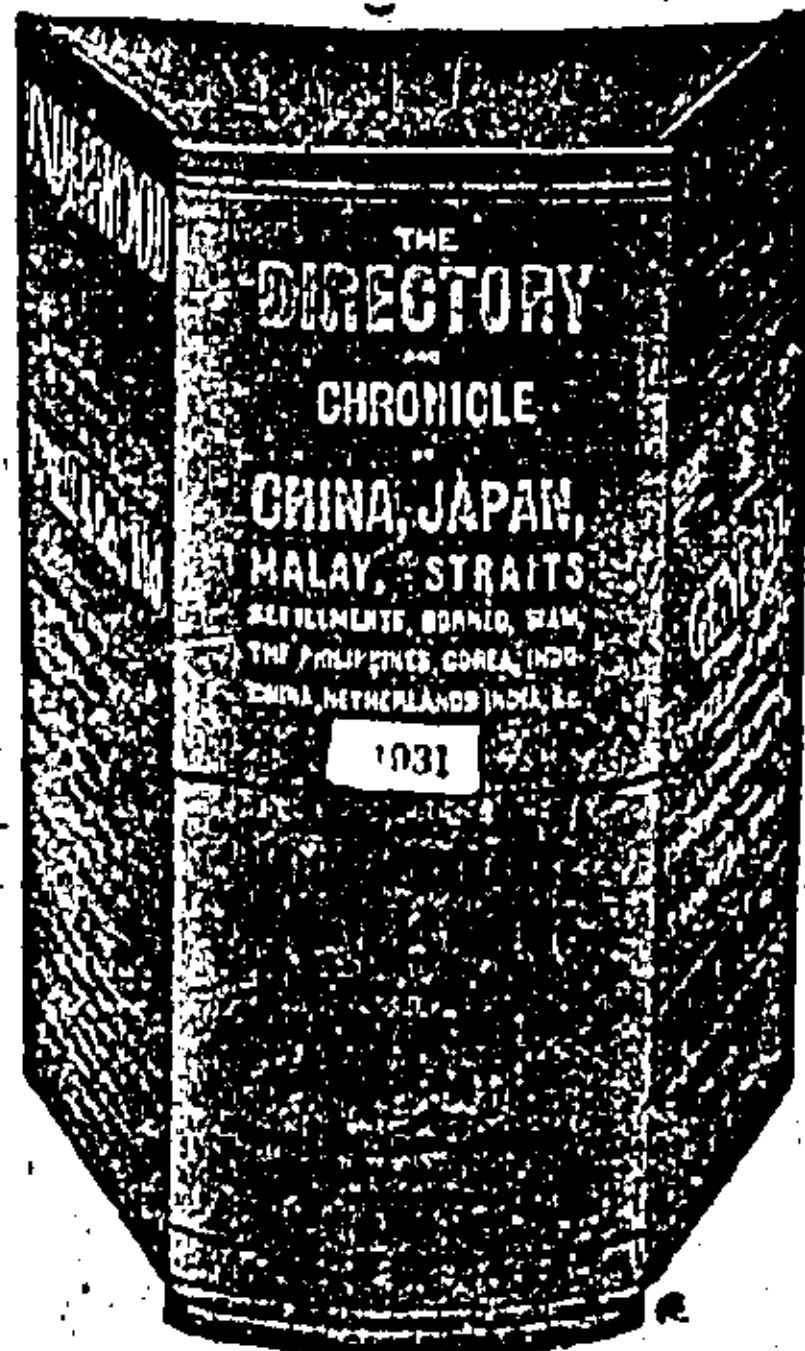
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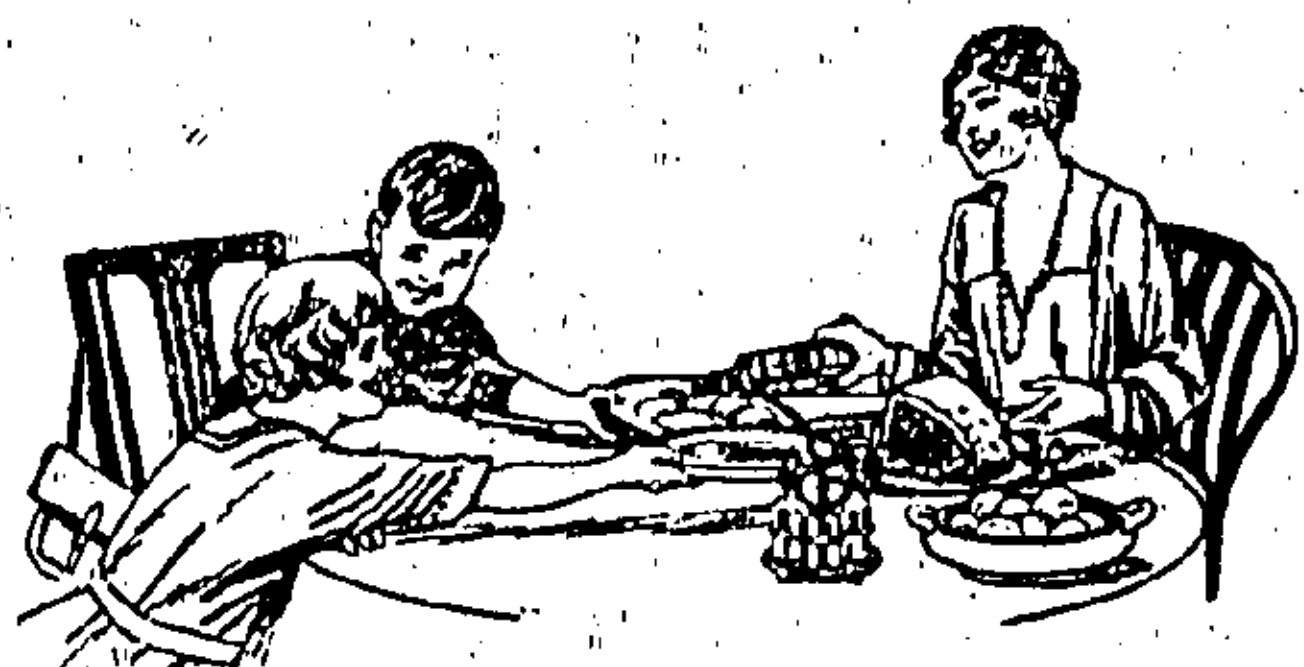
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ST. ANDREW'S CLUB, KOWLOON.

LAST NIGHT'S DRAMATIC CONCERT.

A most amusing entertainment was given at St. Andrew's Church Hall yesterday evening by the members of the Dramatic Society of St. Andrew's Club.

They acted two one-act plays, "The Grand Chain's Diamond" and "No Servants," and in the interval were entertained by Mr. R. Baldwin at the piano and four Cut Throat Pirates, one pirate, unfortunately, was unable to appear, but he was understudied most effectively by Mr. O'Conor Mop, complete with hat and breeches, while his three fellow ruffians, Mr. J. W. Baldwin, Mr. S. Dormer and Mr. S. A. Sweet, supplied the voice.

Mr. Sweet also sang some very clever shanties, not sea shanties, but those of the gas-man, the plumber, the doctor, the dentist, and the barber on Tai Wan beach.

The first play, "The Grand Chain's Diamond," provided us with such thrills as breaking windows and desperados with revolvers who were in pitch darkness. Miss Rita Cole and Mr. J. W. Baldwin acted extremely well as Mr. and Mrs. Perkins. Miss Aletha Hirst was their only charming daughter, and Messrs. R. Woodley and W. Tillery were the thief and detective.

"No Servants" is a comedy and ends in the approved way with the engagement of Victoria, Lady Streetly, delightfully acted by Miss Maude White, to the Hon. Francis Mayfield, of the Foreign Office. Mr. R. Woodley, Misses Eileen Bliss, Phyllis Woolley, D. Baldwin and Amelia Landolt gave an excellent sketch of Lady Streetly's maids who are leaving her with the lunch to cook, a salmon with a glassy stare and a duck which she finally puts in the oven, feathers and all. The maids come back in the nick of time, however, and we understand that Lady Victoria and the Hon. Francis lunch off something more substantial than bread and cheese.

VARIETY CONCERT.

EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE

Of the different variety entertainments held in Hong Kong during the past season, it is fairly safe to say that the one given last evening at the Soldiers and Sailors Home, Wanchai, being up to more than average standard, was probably the best, and the organisers of the concert and the artists are to be congratulated on the splendid success of the evening.

Under the patronage of Commander H. Walker, O.B.E., and Mrs. Walker, who, together with Col. Skinner were both present, the proceeds of the concert were in aid of the purchasing of furniture for a new lounge in the Home, and it is to be regretted therefore that the bad weather, coupled with the fact that other entertainments were being held on the same evening, kept many who would have attended normally, away. It is difficult to differentiate between the artists as to merit, all of them in their individual items being excellent, but certainly a separate word of praise is due here to the organising committee for the splendid fare they provided. Comedy, classical songs, both solos and concerted numbers, instrumental music and terpsichore were represented in the programme, and when these different phases of artistry are rendered by skilled performers the success of a concert is assured. We imagine that this will be the last entertainment of its kind until next year, and it is worth while remarking therefore that in our opinion it was an extremely fitting ending to the concert season. Below we give the programme in full.

PART I.

- 1.—The Collegian Glee Singers.
(a) "The Old Quartette."
(b) "Little Tommy."
(c) "Hey Diddle Diddle."
- 2.—Solo Dance.
Miss Peggy Stringer.
- 3.—Song.
Mrs. F. O. Randall.
"The Pipes of Pan"
Annie Laurie (encore).
- 4.—Yorkshire Philanthropy.
Mr. W. J. Gault.
- 5.—Dance Ensemble.
Miss Capell and Pupils.
- 6.—Dick Bartly and a Piano.
- 7.—Meanderings of Monty (a monologue).
Mr. Edley.

INTERVAL.

PART II.

- 1.—Dance Ensemble.
Miss Capell and Pupils.
- 2.—Song—"Coons Prayer."
Mr. Dixon.
- 3.—Yorkshire Philanthropy.
Mr. Gault.
- 4.—"It" (Monologue).
Mr. Edley.
- 5.—Dick Bartly and a Piano.
- 6.—The Collegian Glee Singers.
At the Piano: Miss D. Savard-Rumedios, Mr. Fountain and Mr. C. Dudley Bartlett.

"THE UNFAIR SEX."

GOOD SHOW BY HONG KONG BANK A.D.C.

Covent Garden must have had a profitable day on March 3. Following the show by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank amateurs, the women of the cast were literally smothered in flowers. In this way the knowing ones of a packed and hugely delighted audience scored against many others who would have marked their appreciation in like manner had flowers been available. As it was the curtain rang up again and again to repeated rounds of applause. It was a great night, and it is safe to say that King George's Hall has seen no better.

Since its inception in 1929 the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Amateur Dramatic Society has given four highly successful performances. "Lord Richard in the Pantry," "Tons of Money," and "The Best People," are all remembered, and "The Unfair Sex" will not be forgotten for many a day. It came as a cheery tonic against the collapse of silver, the slump in rubber and tin, and loss of dividends, which all make the times so difficult for the banking fraternity, and so depressing for their clients, and it could be noted that the laughter and applause were as hearty in the stalls, where sat Sir Charles Addis, Sir Newton Stubb and other high officials of the bank and their ladies, as in the more humble back rows. "The Unfair Sex," the Savoy Theatre success of 1925, was an ambitious effort for so young an organisation, but, under the very capable direction of Mr. Tom Dunning, it provided a most delightful evening. The rapturous applause which greeted his appearance at the end, was a well-merited tribute.

Philandering.

The play is divided into three acts—morning, afternoon and evening—in the living room of a seaside cottage. The young people, in a perfectly harmless way, get involved in what the dreadfully Victorian K.C. uncle of one of the parties calls detestable philandering. This, he says, can only lead to the divorce court and it is around his efforts to get them there and "make them suffer" that the play revolves. Needless to say, all ends well, and the tables are very neatly turned when uncle himself, a bachelor, takes up golf as his first hobby and a wife as his second.

Of the players, Kenneth Banner, as Sir Henry Hesketh, K.C., had the most exacting part and throughout was exceptionally good. Towards the end when in the legal manner he made each of his victims confess their misdemeanours and summed up his case, he rose to great heights.

A most effective pair were Kathleen Churchill as Diana Trevor and Jack Alley as Harvey Fane. The distress of the first-named was admirable work. As usual Mr. Alleyne was irresistible. How he loathed the writing of "the evidence," a silly love-letter, and to sign himself "Ba-ba!"

Also as effective, in their way, were the other couple involved. Eileen Buchan, as Joan Delise, and Frank Farrar, as Geoffrey Trevor, the vase-smashing husband of Diana. Miss Buchan thoroughly deserved the applause she so frequently won. Monica Haddock, in the part of Joan's mother, was a dear.

Pearl Heley, as the film-struck maid, Pinkie, was excellent, and although William Chandler, as the old butler, had not much to do, he did it well, and in make-up alone was a good laugh. What struck everyone was that all were so word perfect and so thoroughly drilled that not a single hitch occurred.

A couple of centuries ago, when it was the fashion for criminals to address the London mob from the gallows, some of the condemned men indulged in the last vanity of reciting their own verse. The "New and Complete Newgate Calendar," dated 1818, tells of the case of Earl Ferrers, who was hanged in 1789 for shooting a man over a law dispute. On the morning he was taken from the Tower to the Tyburn gallows (the King had refused him the privilege of the axe) he was found writing these lines: "I doubt I live, in doubt I die; Yet, undismay'd, the vast abyss I'll try, And plunge into eternity."

"LET US BE FRIENDS."

GERMAN'S LETTER TO HIS FORMER WAR PRISONER.

Major C. B. Arnold, of Llandudno, has received a letter from a German officer who made him a prisoner in the war, expressing the hope that they might meet in peacetime as friends.

He has replied inviting the German to visit him at his home in North Wales. "He is evidently a good sport," Major Arnold said discussing the incident.

Major Arnold believes that he owes his life to the German officer. His recollection of his capture is somewhat confused. It occurred after he had been advancing for twelve hours in the whippet tank which he commanded. Nine reserve cans of petrol outside had been perforated by machine-gun fire, and these ignited, sending a cascade of flaming liquid over the rear door. The fumes nearly overpowered him, and his two companions, and when two explosions brought the tank to a standstill, they, with their clothing on fire, dashed from the rear door.

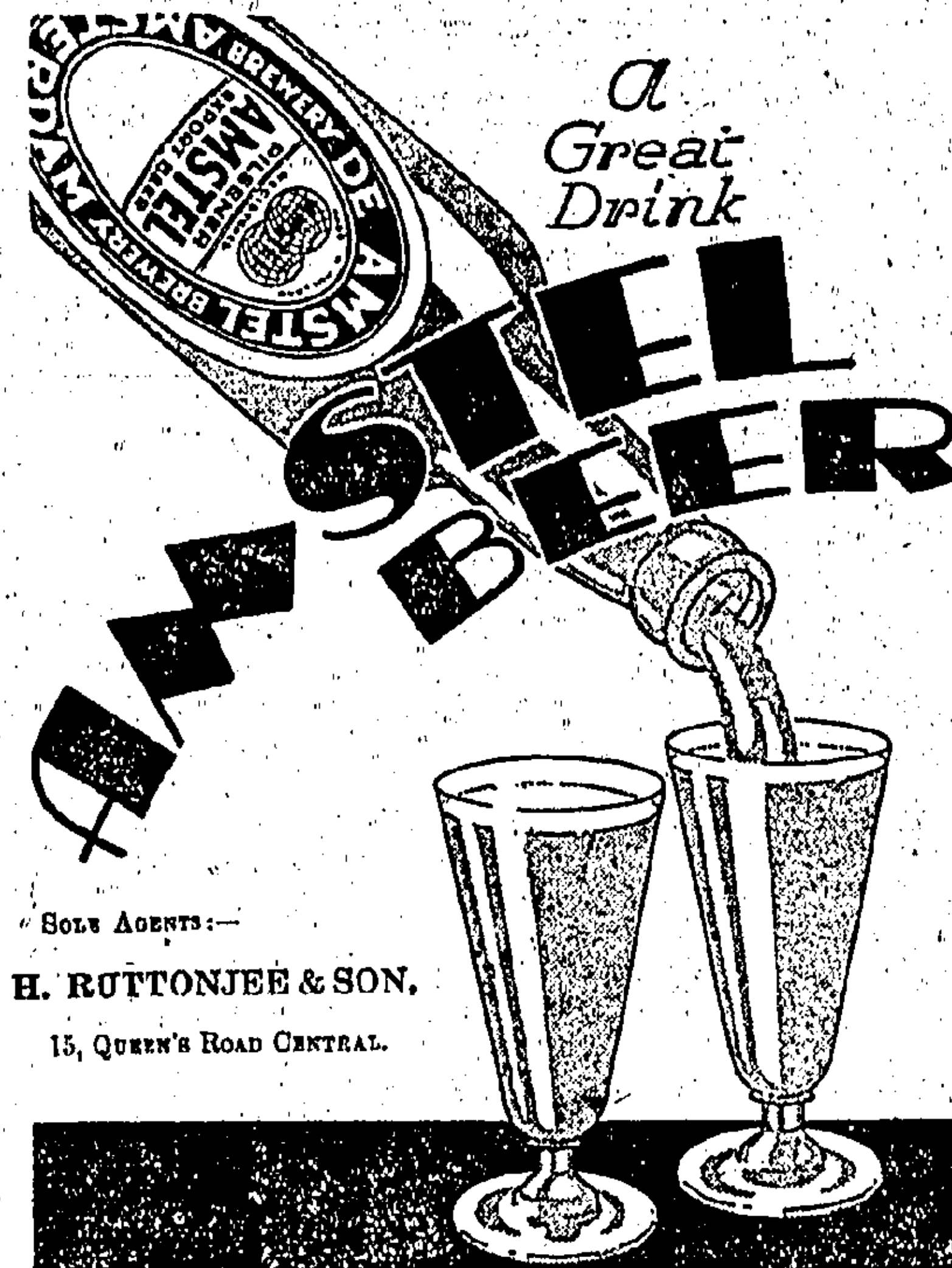
The grass at their feet was ablaze, and they rolled on the ground to extinguish their burning clothes. A ring of German infantry was advancing on them, firing from the hip. One of Major Arnold's companions fell dead. As the Germans rushed forward Major Arnold rose to his knees and received a bayonet thrust in the hand. He then fell unconscious from a clubbed rifle blow. He can recall being laid later against a bank, when a bearded German came on the scene with outstretched arms, and took Major Arnold and his companion in charge, conveying them to divisional headquarters.

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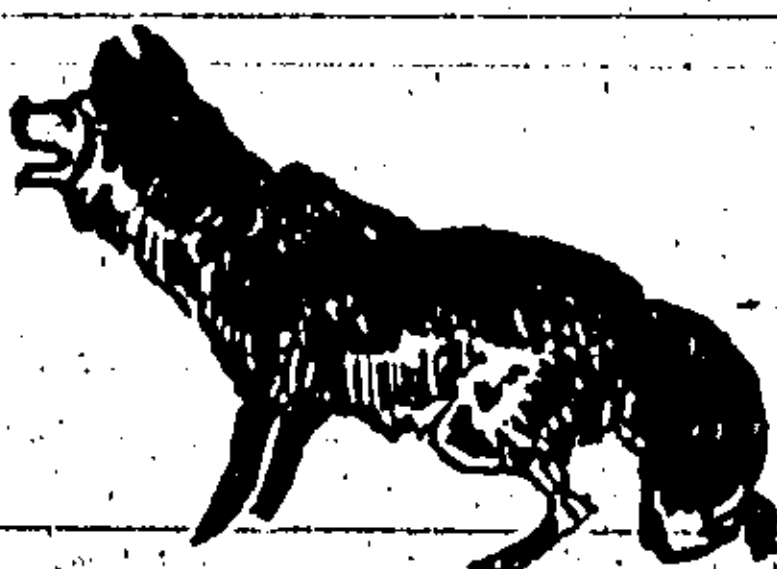
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ALLEGATIONS AGAINST WELL-KNOWN CHINESE
WINE DEALERS.

VIGOROUS CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. P. C. JENKIN.

A very interesting prosecution was commenced yesterday by the Imports and Exports Department against the licensee of Messrs. Nam Hing Loong, the latter being summoned for making a structural alteration in their licensed warehouse without permission in writing of the Superintendent of the Import and Export Office, and for possession of 143 liquor labels which were alleged to be colourable imitations of the labels used by the Superintendent of Import and Export Department. There was originally a charge of keeping their warehouse open at certain hours without the permission of the Superintendent of the Import and Export Department, but this charge was withdrawn.

Mr. H. A. Taylor prosecuted, while Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. F. X. D'Almeida was for the defence.

REVENUE OFFICER'S EVIDENCE.

In outlining the case against the defendant, Mr. Taylor said that the firm of Nam Hing Loong was a large concern dealing in European liquor both for local sale and for export. To meet their export business they had a certain portion of their shop partitioned off to store liquor either in bond or duty free. Up to 1927 they had the first floor specially partitioned off for this purpose. Early that year, Mr. Lloyd (head of the Import and Export Office) decided that he wanted something more substantial than the licence until a special place had been constructed for it. In July plans were submitted to the Import and Export Office which showed iron partitions on steel frames on a certain portion of 97, Queen's Road, Central. The plans showed quite clearly that the ceiling above was to be of reinforced concrete and that the partition was to have one window and one door, the latter to be of collapsible steel and sheet iron.

After a certain amount of discussion, the proposal was approved and a letter was signed by Mr. Carrie to that effect. Mr. Taylor had attempted to ascertain the construction was completed and who examined the work on its completion, but he had been unable to find out. He thought, however, that the examination must have been carried out by Mr. Clark, who has since retired, or by Mr. Grimmit, who was on leave.

Continuing, Mr. Taylor said that up till February this year, the system of working this licensed warehouse was that the Import and Export Office kept the key and opened the place every day at about 8 or 9 o'clock. The place was closed at about 4 or 5 o'clock in the afternoon. As a result of certain happenings in January this year, Mr. Lloyd altered the arrangement and only allowed the warehouse to be opened in the presence of Revenue Officers.

Detachable Iron Sheet.

On March 7 in the afternoon, Mr. Taylor went to the premises with Revenue Officer Ward and a search party and found that at the foot of the stairway at the back of the retail portion of the shop, behind a stack of shutters, one of the iron sheets could be removed from the outside. Mr. Taylor went on to give details of how the sheet could be removed, explaining that although it appeared to be rivetted, it was in fact not so and was held in position by a couple of nuts which could be screwed off from the outside after which the task of removing the iron sheet was a simple matter. Further, instead of dovetailing with the adjoining sheet, it merely overlapped.

In regard to the charge of false labels possession, Mr. Taylor said he found these labels on the premises on "Miroh" 9 and 10. He would call the engraver from the firm which printed the labels for the Government to express an opinion about them.

The first witness called was Revenue Officer Ward, who gave detailed evidence of the finding of the iron sheet which was detachable from the outside. Before cross-examination, Mr. Jenkin inquired if he was the only witness for the prosecution in connection with the first charge. He was assured by Mr. Taylor that that was so.

Mr. Jenkin (to witness): Do you understand that the complaint is that this particular plate is not shown in the plan? Do you know how many plates in fact were used in the construction of this iron sheet partition?—I don't know.

How Many Sheets?

Will you take it from me that there are at least 35 sheets?—Yes. Is there any indication on that plan of the number of sheets at all?—No.

How many sheets do you suggest we should be confined to by that plan?—I can't say, sir.

You are not responsible for the bringing of this charge?—No.

When a licensed warehouse like this is sanctioned by the Import and Export Department, the construction of it is supervised by that department?—Yes.

In order to see that the work carried out is in accordance with the permission given?—Yes.

Can you tell me who supervised the work on this occasion?—I can't. I have had nothing to do with it.

You do not know that in fact Chief Revenue Officer Clark investigated it?—I don't know.

Do you know Mr. Moss, a Superintendent of the Fire Brigade?—Yes.

Is he here now?—No, he is on leave.

Assuming that that plate had been put there originally in the condition in which you had found it, would you have said that, in your opinion there was any breach of the permit given by that plan?—I can't say, sir, I had nothing to do with the permit.

Regarding the rivet marks which you found, are the marks consistent with this that at one time it was intended to rivet the sheet but later there was a change made in the method of fixing it?—No.

No! Give me another theory of it?—(No answer).

Iron Sheet Substituted?

Are you suggesting that there had been a rivetted sheet there originally and that it had been substituted by this rivetted sheet?—Yes.

You don't know that, when this fire was first taken in hand, the fire brigade wanted to have a thorough ventilation?—I don't know.

If you look at the plan you will see that we were supposed to keep an open window, but we have not done so. Did you realise that, before?—No.

You had better summon us for that because that is a departure from the plan. That was in fact blocked up at the same time as that sheet was fixed. You don't know that?—No.

The reason for that was that Mr. Moss of the Fire Brigade wanted this warehouse to have a certain amount of ventilation and therefore he required that the opening which you found blocked with that sheet should be maintained as an opening so that you can get a draught?—I have no idea of that.

Then Mr. Clark who was supervising this work, wanted the hole closed?—I don't know that.

Do you now still say that that plate was originally rivetted and has now been supplanted by the plate you found?—(No answer).

Doesn't it shake your evidence, doesn't it? Now, was there any evidence of the door having been unscrewed quite recently?—Yes.

Then why is the charge of keeping the place open dropped?—I can't say.

A Sliding Door.

On the plan there is supposed to be a sliding door. Do you know that since this plan was submitted and passed, the top of this sliding door has been opened up so as to give ventilation and that gauze has been substituted?—No.

And that of course was at the request of a Government Department?—I have no idea.

Who would be able to check up these things?—I think Mr. Taylor can tell more than I can.

Do you think Mr. Lloyd would know?—Yes.

The Nam Hing Loong, like all other liquor dealers, are subject to orders from three Government Departments. They are subject to instructions from the Fire Department, from the Dangerous Goods Department and from the Import and Export Department?—I believe so, but I can't say.

You don't know if Mr. Brooks required structural alterations to the sliding door in 1928?—No.

Mr. Taylor then gave evidence about the finding of the alleged false labels on the premises.

Mr. Jenkin, referring to the plate on which R. O. Ward had given evidence, asked: Is there anything on the plan to show that there are a certain number of sheets which are to be fixed in a particular way?—No.

Answering further questions, witness said that he could not find anything of the written record of S. R. O. Clarke's report of the examination of the completed work.

I suppose it will come as a surprise to you that the Dangerous Goods office called upon the defendant to make some structural alterations to these premises which were carried out without your permission?—No.

(Continued on next column.)

IN BANKRUPTCY.

HEAVY LIABILITIES OF AN
INSURANCE CLERK.

SPECULATION IN SHARES.

Liabilities amounting to \$76,000 were disclosed at the public examination of Chan Shiu Tain at the Bankruptcy Court yesterday before Mr. Justice Wood. Debtor attributed his present position to the influence of brokers in tempting him to undertake extensive share speculations.

In reply to the Official Receiver (Mr. J. L. Agassiz), debtor said that he started work as a clerk at a wage of \$35 a month 30 years ago, and later joined Messrs. Sheehan, Tones & Co., where he started with a salary of \$60 a month, which eventually rose to \$350 a month. He then worked for the China Underwriters, where he earned \$450 a month.

Mr. Agassiz: The whole of your liabilities are due to share transactions?—Yes.

Apart from these share liabilities, you have no debts whatever?—Not before 1929, but after 1929 I was in debt of another kind. The losses on share transactions were my only liabilities when I filed my petition. If it had not been for these losses, my bankruptcy would not have occurred.

Speaking of money he had made, debtor said he bought two houses, Nos. 303 and 310, Reclamation Street for \$4,400, each and eight years later he sold them for \$9,150 each.

Referring to his dealings in shares, debtor said he had a little money invested, but it was due to the suggestions of brokers that he invested to the extent he eventually did.

The examination was closed after reference to his list of expenses, debtor stating that he was living as economically as possible with due regard to maintaining his social position in order to obtain business.

Weaving Factory Failure.

Wong Shun Wo, of 37, Portland Street, Yaumatei, carrying on business as the Cheung Shu weaving and spinning factory, came up for public examination.

After an application for adjournment, and appointment of a trustee, had been granted, debtor said, in reply to Mr. Agassiz, that he saved the sum of \$400 on which he started the factory. He hired machines and eventually borrowed \$15,000 for the purpose of putting it into the business and buying his own machines.

During the first five years he made a \$10,000 profit, but after 1927 he began to lose money, finally becoming bankrupt. Debtor explained that he used the \$10,000 profit for the purpose of paying off that amount of the \$15,000 borrowed. The examination was closed.

You went to the premises on March 7 with Mr. Ward?—Yes.

In fact you went there with Mr. Lloyd on March 5?—Yes.

You did not mention that?—No.

You went round on that occasion sounding or hammering the plates?—Yes.

What instrument did you use?—Just a screwdriver.

Answering further questions, Mr. Taylor said that on the day when he removed the plate with R. O. Ward there were three cases right up against the hole, so that nobody could have got into the storeroom.

Not Rivetted.

Your whole case is that if that plate had been rivetted, this case would never have been brought?—Certainly not.

What on earth is your complaint because it is not rivetted?—Because it is not a proper sheet-iron partition.

It is sheet iron?—Yes.

Why is it not a sheet-iron partition because it is bolted and not rivetted? Tell me honestly what is at the back of this charge?—(No answer).

What on earth is at the back of this charge?—The whole thing is that, having that sheet so lightly held in position, it was possible to give unknown access to the licensed warehouse.

That is not the point of this charge. It is that there has been a structural alteration. If you read that plan literally you would have one big iron sheet round the partition?—Yes.

If that sheet had been fixed up in the manner in which you found it, do you say that there should still have been a conviction?—Of course, I should.

But why? Where does the alteration come in?—Because this sheet was different from other sheets. But if it was put in originally, where does the alteration come in?—Well, there would then be no alteration.

The onus is upon you to show the alteration. You have got to show that it was put in afterwards. Do you suggest that you have any evidence that that was put in afterwards?—No, I suppose I can't really say.

After further questions about the labels, the case was adjourned. Mr. Taylor stated that, in connection with the labels, his department kept no record of the types of labels issued in the past, although the labels had been of the same design.

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AN EXTRADITION PROBLEM.

A Chinese who is wanted at Rangoon for the alleged disappearance of Rupees 75,000 from a foreign firm there, appeared before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court yesterday, when he expressed his readiness to waive all extradition formalities and return to Rangoon of his own free will.

Delective Sub-Inspector Elston stated that the fugitive was a free man until the arrival of the requisition. He wanted to know if he would voluntarily now, or wait until the arrival of the documents.

Appearing for what he described as "the private prosecutor," Mr. H. C. Menamara said there had been considerable trouble in getting hold of the fugitive, and argued that the man should not be sent back to Burma without a proper escort. He might escape at the first port of call.

The Magistrate asked if it could be arranged for the fugitive to be met at Singapore by a police officer. Inspector Elston replied that little benefit would result from that, as a police escort from Burma would have to go through the formality of securing permission from the Singapore police.

The fugitive was formally remanded for another week, to enable the police to consider the position.

AVIATION CHIEF IN U.S.

CHINESE OFFICIAL RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON.

Washington, March 31.—General Wang Ping Han, Director of Aviation for the Chinese National Government at Nanking, to-day was received by prominent officials of the American Government.

General Wang conferred with Mr. F. Trubee Davison, the Assistant Secretary of War. He visited also General Douglas MacArthur, Chief of Staff of the United States Army.

Government officials have ordered that all possible assistance be given to General Wang in his American study of aviation matters.

TRAFFICKER IN GIRLS.

SENTENCED TO A YEAR'S HARD LABOUR.

Convicted as a trafficker in girls, Wu Chi Lam was sentenced by Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday to a total of twelve months' hard labour.

He was charged with having taken a girl to Kwong Chow Wan where she was sold to a brothel, after he induced her to live with him on a promise of marriage; he was also charged with taking another girl to Indo-China for immoral purposes.

The evidence on both cases was taken separately after which Mr. Schofield said he regarded the cases in a very serious light. Inspector J. Murphy, of the S.C.A., said the defendant was always concerned in cases of this nature.

On the charge of harbouring the first girl, the defendant was given six months' hard labour, while on the two charges of sending the girls away, he was given three months each, bringing the total up to a year.

ECHO OF 1925 STRIKE.

CHINESE CONSTABLE WHO DESERTED.

There was an echo of the 1925 strike at Central Magistracy yesterday when a Chinese constable was brought before Mr. E. H. Williams on the charge of desertion from the force after less than a year's service on a five-year contract.

Mr. L. V. H. Booth appeared for the prosecution and defendant pleaded guilty to the charge.

Mr. Booth said that altogether some 15 constables deserted. Defendant joined on August 13, 1929, and deserted on July 3, 1930, and the officer asked for a severe sentence as a deterrent to others.

The defendant, however, asked for the option of a fine and in granting this, the Magistrate said that it was at an extraordinary time when he deserted and there might have been some influence brought to bear on him. The option of a fine of \$120 was allowed.

DUTCH BANK'S NEW POLICE WOMEN FOR
PREMISES.
HANGCHOW.TRANSFER TO ROYAL
BUILDING.
GOOD WISHES EXPRESSED
AT RECEPTION.

On the occasion of their moving into spacious premises in Royal Building, which is part of the old King Edward Hotel, now completely renovated, the management of the Nederlandsche Indische Handelsbank, N.V., received congratulations yesterday from a large circle of business men in the Colony who attended a reception by the Bank.

The transfer into the new premises has been necessitated by the increased business of the Bank, and its future success was enthusiastically forecasted at the reception which brought together bankers, brokers and clients.

J. Quist (Consul for the Netherlands) said:—Mr. Endert and gentlemen,—We are attending the official opening of the new offices of the Netherlands Indische Handelsbank to-day, and, as it is customary to say a few words on such an occasion, I am pleased to do so.

It is only a week ago that I said that my connections with the Java Line dated from the end of 1911: I can go one better in respect of the Bank with which I had agreeable relations as early as 1909-9, when a Consular cadet in Singapore. Shipping requires the services and help of the Consul daily, not so banking: it is a rare occasion when the Bank stands in need of me. It is, officially and privately, I who need the Bank.

Bank's History.

Gentlemen, I am not going to weary you with details about the Bank. A few may suffice. The Bank is about 67 years of age. It is a big bank, as all you know. Originally more meant for Holland and the Colonies alone, it has gradually established offices at Singapore, Hong Kong, in China, Japan and India; the expansion of the Bank in the last 15 years or so has been phenomenal.

I know this, namely, that the Bank Building at Amsterdam is now double the original size and that the offices in Mossa, Samsom's building here have proved too small. Commodious and spacious offices have been found in the old King Edward Hotel, now baptised the Royal Building. I am ready to admit—I have this on good authority—that the Bank has been doing good business in the old building, but we hope that Mr. Endert will succeed in still increasing the business—especially the profits, of course—on the new premises.

Congenial Atmosphere.

Gentlemen, I liked the atmosphere in the old office, but I hope that you, co-bankers, clients and brokers will enjoy the atmosphere of this office still better. The latter statement I can make for myself at any rate, as in 1914-1916 on one or two occasions, a good whisky and soda was dispensed to me in the exact spot in which Mr. Endert has his private office now. By the Bank's and Mr. Endert's courtesy, I am going to enjoy this glass of champagne on the very spot of long ago; my only regret is that, when coming to-morrow again, we shall only receive spiritual enjoyment of another kind—business. But this you all know, gentlemen, that we shall continue receiving a fair and square deal at the hands of Mr. Endert. I ask you, gentlemen, to join me in wishing the Bank all possible success in the new premises.

Mr. Endert (Manager), in a brief response, thanked Mr. Quist for his generous references to the Bank and also all their banking friends, brokers and clients who had attended the function that morning to give the Bank an encouraging start in its new home. He could assure them that they would continue to do their utmost to give satisfaction to all concerned with the Bank, and they looked for a continuance of the happy relationship which existed between their clients, brother bankers and the brokers.

TWELVE STUDYING IN
VIENNA.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Hongchow, March 29. Dr. Muck, advisor to the Police Force, has been transferred to Nanking. He has done admirable work during his two and a half years in Hongchow, and has trained the police force most efficiently. He has started several innovations in the police force, and has several young women in training as police-women. Twelve students have been sent to Vienna to study police methods.

In spite of the present Provincial Government's policy of rigid economy there would appear to have been a "let-up" on the National Holiday commemorating the death of Dr. Sun Yat Sen. The Lake front was decorated in no mean manner, the weather was glorious and the crowds phenomenal. The usual lantern processions and speeches found general favour.

During the past month Hongchow has been favoured with a short visit from Mr. H. S. Jenyns, a cadet officer in the service of the Hong Kong Government. Another visitor has been Mr. Bible, who has recently been in Palestine, and gave a very interesting lantern lecture before the Missionary Association on "Present Life in Palestine."

Dr. W. S. New, of the Orthopaedic Hospital, Shanghai, and Mr. T. V. Soong have also been spending a few days on the Lake side. During their short visit they found time to inspect the leper work carried on by the Church Missionary Society as did Mr. Jenyns during his recent stay.

Crops Look Healthy.

In spite of the exceptionally cold weather for this time of the year the crops are looking healthy, and have benefited greatly by the recent rains.

The Water Supply.

The pipes for the public water supply are now laid in most of the principal streets, and in a month or so we hope to have an ample supply of water. The reservoirs are some way outside the city in the surrounding hills. This fact has added considerably to the financial outlay, and as accounted for the time the job has taken. Mr. Harold Peterson deserves, and has earned, our sincere thanks for his untiring zeal. He has persevered with the water works scheme during the regime of no less than three governments, and time and again it has seemed that the whole plan would be turned down for lack of funds.

Communists.

The police are hot on the tracks of Communists and suspects, and three were shot last week. In the foreign community there have been several cases of influenza and measles. The outbreak of meningitis is lasting longer than was anticipated and the isolation hospitals are still kept busy.

Pilgrims.

The pilgrims are coming to worship at the renowned temples in larger numbers than ever this year, as transport on the Grand Canal is comparatively easy and safe as compared with a few years ago.

HEALTH IN EASTERN
PORTS.

The following health bulletin of Eastern ports, for the week ended March 28, has been issued:—

Plague.	Cases.	Deaths.
Bahdad	3	1
Bombay	1	1
Rangoon	1	1
Colombo	3	2
Pnom Penh	—	1
Cholera.		
Calcutta	129	39
Chittagong	2	—
Madras	7	2
Rangoon	96	4
Bangkok	1	1
Saigon	1	1
Cerebro-Spinal Fever.		
Batavia	1	1
Shanghai	—	12
Greater Shanghai	10	—
Small-pox.		
Bombay	4	2
Calcutta	75	50
Chittagong	1	—
Cochin	14	—
Karachi	—	2
Madras	9	1
Moulmein	3	—
Nagasaki	—	—
Rangoon	2	—
Vizagapatam	3	1
Pondicherry	4	1
Penang	2	1
Saigon	—	1
Canton	2	—
Shanghai	—	2
Greater Shanghai	1	—
Port Arthur	2	—

H.K. PHILHARMONIC
SOCIETY.70TH ANNIVERSARY THIS
YEAR.SUCCESSFUL YEAR
REVIEWED.

The fact that the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society has never been in a better way, both from the point of view of membership and finance than at present, although it would be celebrating its 70th birthday this year, was mentioned by the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, who presided at the annual meeting of the Society held at the Cathedral Hall last evening.

In the course of his speech, the Chairman mentioned that the Society had its inception on October 1, 1891, when seven gentlemen met to form a Glee Club, which was first called "The Hong Kong Choral Society." In 1894 members decided to alter the name to what it was now called.

The Chairman, addressing the meeting, said:—The Society had on the whole a successful season, and as you see, the balance at the bank has increased from \$142.11 to \$1,087.23 as the result of the year's working. It should be pointed out, however, that there are various items of expenditure which would have been incurred in a normal year which have not been paid during the past period owing to the year ending on February 28 instead of on June 30. There is also the fact that "The Yeomen" is nearly the cheapest opera it is possible to produce, and I must warn members that in view of the increasing cost, it will be difficult to show such a favourable result next year.

Our thanks must be accorded to the advertisers in the programme for their continued support without which a profit could not have been made on the opera, in fact without whose assistance it would be impossible to produce opera at all. Mrs. T. V. Harmon also deserves a hearty vote of thanks for so kindly canvassing the advertisers and collecting the record sum of \$1,160.

On Friday last members of the Society assisted Mr. Mason at the Cathedral, and I am pleased to say that the result showed that the Society is still able to sing the more difficult oratorio music as well as the easier opera music.

Seventieth Anniversary. The Society will on October 1 celebrate its seventieth birthday, it having been formed at a meeting held at St. Andrew's School on October 1, 1891, when seven gentlemen met together to form a Glee Club which was first called "The Hong Kong Choral Society." It existed with varying success until 1894 when the name was changed to that under which it is known at present.

From the records it does not appear that the Society was ever in a better way, both from a point of view of membership and financially than it is now, and I hope that the members will rally round the old Society and make seventieth anniversary a record year in the annals of the Society.

I must not close these remarks without some reference to the great loss the Society has sustained owing to the death of Mr. A. J. J. Brock. Those of you who had known Mr. Brock since 1894, when he first appeared in opera, will realize how hard his place will be to fill. To his widow and daughter we offer our deepest sympathy.

In conclusion our thanks must be rendered to Mr. Davies, our Hon. Producer for the past season, also to Mr. Mason who conducted so efficiently, and whose loss this year we shall feel severely, while at the same time we hope he will have a pleasant leave and return invigorated to again take up the baton. We will close by thanking Mr. Brock, our hard working and efficient Hon. Secretary, for all the work he has done on our behalf, and Mr. Smith who put in much work on our finances.

Officers Elected. Following the adoption of the report and acceptance of the undornamented members were elected to the General Committee:—President: Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton. Hon. Secretary: Mr. H. J. Beat. Hon. Treasurer: Mr. F. S. W. Smith. Committee: Mr. J. W. Baldwin, Mrs. J. A. Shaw, Mrs. Hooper, Mr. T. V. Harmon.

NEW Y.W.C.A.
PREMISES.OPENED YESTERDAY BY
LADY PEEL.

A GROWING INSTITUTION.

Yesterday afternoon, Lady Peel, accompanied by Captain Colman, A.D.C., arrived at the new premises of the Chinese Y.W.C.A. in Bonham Road, to perform the opening ceremony. She was met by Mrs. Ma Wing Chan and the members of the Executive Committee.

The ceremony began by the singing of a hymn in Chinese, to Western music. The Rev. Cheung Chuk Ling led a prayer, and then Miss F. C. Wood presented Lady Peel with the key of the building. Miss Shin Tak Hing, the General Secretary of the Association, gave a brief history of the Y.W.C.A. in Hong Kong. It was founded by a small band of enthusiastic women eleven years ago in two rooms in Caine Road. Miss Nell Elliott, was the first Western Secretary and Miss Shin the first Chinese one. Their aim had been to provide for the spiritual, mental, physical, and social development of the women of Hong Kong, regardless of distinctions of class, creed, or race.

Growth of the Association. Since 1929 the Association had grown in size and influence, and last year in March, Miss Southern invited the members to Government House where they had opened the building fund campaign that had achieved its object in the premises that Lady Peel had so kindly opened.

She then expressed the Y.W.C.A. to all those made this possible by especially the Hon. Dr. R. Stewart, C.M.G., Mr. Wong Kwo, and Mr. J. E. Joseph. The Hon. Dr. Koteval then gave an address. He pointed out that since his last appeal, at Government House last year, the Association had succeeded in raising \$60,000. They were still \$10,000 short, but he felt sure that he could rely on the strenuous efforts of the committee and the generosity of their supporters to make this up very shortly.

The self-sacrificing work that was being done was for the benefit of the whole community. Mrs. Ma read greetings from the Y.W.C.A.'s in Shanghai, Wanchai and other parts of China. Rev. Cheung Chuk Ling read the benediction and the ceremony was over. Among the visitors present at the ceremony were the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton and Mr. G. P. de Martin.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[All letters intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, not for publication, unless so desired, but as evidence of good faith.—Ed.]

VOLUNTEERS AND "INTELLIGENT ANTICIPATION." [TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."] Sir,—The essence of good journalism is to be up-to-date a bit ahead of it. No apology is necessary, therefore, in sending you an intelligent anticipation of the sort of letter likely to appear in our local papers on Friday, the 10th.

MORE YOUNG MEN WANTED! "Another inspection of the Volunteers has come and gone. Once again the inspecting General Officer has complained of the shortage of numbers that exists in the Corps. He has, not for the first time, adjured the young men of the Colony to do their duty by 'joining-up.' It is a suitable moment to consider the position of the Hong Kong Government in regard to this matter. The Government is, by far, the largest employer of labour in the Colony and it is notorious that the percentage of Volunteers amongst Government employees is exceptionally low. It is particularly low amongst the young men in the Cadet Service.

"If the Government have a genuine desire to see more Volunteers it behoves them to set their own house in order first, beginning with the pick of the bunch, the Cadet Service. "So long as these bright young men are allowed to leave Volunteering to others it is perfectly idle for the Government through their representative, the General, to appeal to a sense of duty which is conspicuously lacking in their own servants. "The only decent course is to abandon all references to 'duty' and recommend Volunteering on its own merits as a form of out-door sport."—Yours, etc., CITIZEN-SOLDIER. Hong Kong, April 8.

KWANGTUNG DISTRICT
GOVERNMENTS.CIVIL GOVERNOR'S TOUR OF
INSPECTION.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, April 8. Pending the sanction of Nanking, General Chen Ming Shu and a selected group of his colleagues, including General Gaston K. Wong, Chief Adviser to the Provincial Government of Kwangtung, will take a protracted tour through the different districts of the province, the sole purpose being to probe the conditions of each district government under his control. The tour will require a month or more. It is his intention to make sure that these district governments are clean, efficient and economical, and the best way of bringing about this is to visit each of these personally.

During his absence, Mr. Hsu Chung Ching, Commissioner of Civil Affairs, will carry on the Provincial Government.

TAXATION IN KWANGTUNG.

NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL
TAXES DECREASING.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.] CANTON, April 8. Mr. Luk Man Lan, a delegate of Mr. T. V. Soong, the Finance Minister at Nanking, arrived in Canton yesterday for a conference with the local authorities to see what can be done to restore the provincial and national taxes to normalcy in Kwangtung. Ever since the abolition of *likin*, more than three months ago, both the provincial tax and the national tax have registered a marked decrease. Some means must therefore be made to make both ends meet. It is also the purpose of Mr. Luk to make a thorough investigation of the financial conditions of the Kwangtung Government and make a detailed report to Nanking. The Nanking delegate was invited to a banquet by General Chen Ming Shu at the Toot Si Club in Tungshan last evening.

PROPERTY DEAL IN SIN AN
DISTRICT.ALLEGED VIOLATION OF
TREATY OBLIGATIONS.

[Fah Tui Yat Pao.] CANTON, April 8. That the Nanking diplomatic authorities may be expected to make strong representations to Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister to China, regarding the alleged violation of treaty obligations by the Hong Kong Government in buying in Chinese property in the ex-Sin An District and New Territories, is revealed in a statement made to Pressmen by Mr. Tso Li Him, the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs for South China. He declares that he has completed an investigation of this matter and is sending a report to the Nanking Foreign Minister.

DEATH OF OLD HONG KONG RESIDENT. MR. A. V. APCAR PASSES AWAY IN LONDON. Much regret will be felt by his many friends in the Colony at the death of Mr. Arratoon V. Apar, managing director and founder of Messrs. A. V. Apar & Co., Ltd., which occurred in London last Monday. A cable announcing the sad news stated that he passed away from heart failure.

Mr. Apar, who was born in Calcutta, had resided in Hong Kong for 35 years and was one of its foremost business men since founding the firm of merchants and commission agents which bears his name. Among his extensive property holdings, he was the owner in the Colony of Ava House, Ava Mansions, Armand Buildings and Observatory Villas. He was a member of the Hong Kong Club and the Jockey Club. Fifty years of age and an Armenian, he leaves a widow and young son who will receive much sympathy in their sad bereavement.

LATE MR. K. C. LAU. LARGE GATHERING AT THE FUNERAL. Attended with Chinese ceremonies and customs, the funeral of Mr. K. C. Lau, a popular member of the local turf, whose death was recorded yesterday, took place in the afternoon when a procession of cars containing mourning relatives and friends followed the catafalque. The cortege left the French Hospital at 3 p.m., and wended its way to Village Road, Happy Valley, and then on to Yat Pit Ting, Kennedy Town, where a large gathering of friends paid their last respects to the deceased. At the close of the funeral obsequies at the halting place, the remains were conveyed for burial at the Chinese Cemetery.

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NOTICE.

MEMBERS are requested to attend the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING to be held in the BOOMS of the Institution on FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH, at 8 P.M.

A. LANDSBERT,
Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE.

On and after 1st April next, the Hongkong Dispensary Drug Store, and the Wine Department, will observe the following hours of business:

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 22nd APRIL, 1931, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board
B. ALVES,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 7th April, 1931.

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DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 18th APRIL, 1931 (Weather Permitting), may be obtained at the Race Course, Horse Kiosk and CAUSEWAY BAY. Entries CLOSE at 12 O'CLOCK NOON on THURSDAY, 9th APRIL, 1931.

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WEATHER REPORT.

The weather report, forecast and remarks issued by the Royal Observatory, Hong Kong, at 5.10 p.m. yesterday, state:—

The anti-cyclone has extended Southward towards the Lower Yangtze Valley.

Fresh monsoon will prevail along the South-east coast of China over the North China Sea.

Local forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh; overcast with drizzle or mist, probably improving.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mr. and Mrs. McNILLIS, finding it difficult and almost impossible to reply personally to all who have been so kind to them in their great sorrow, would ask all their friends and Nancy's friends to accept this expression of their heartfelt gratitude and appreciation.

DEATH.

APCAR.—On April 6, at London, ARNATON V. APCAR, died of Heart failure. [886]

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HONG KONG, APRIL 9, 1931.

A WORLD TRADE REVIEW.

The League of Nations has recently published Volume I. of the Memorandum on International Trade and Balances of Payments, 1927-1929, which contains a review of world trade. According to the League's calculations, the preliminary figures of the value of world trade in 1929 showed a further expansion and, in the following table, the approximate totals for that year and for the two preceding years are shown. The figures (in millions of gold dollars) represent the sum of the external transactions recorded by each country and, so far as the various statistics allow, they relate wholly to special trade in merchandise, i.e., to imports of goods for domestic consumption and to exports of domestic produce:—

	Imports.	Exports.	Total.
1927	33,704	31,378	65,142
1928	34,630	32,499	67,129
1929	35,343	32,742	68,085

In view of the fact that world prices fell between 1928 and 1929 by about 2 per cent. in imports and by 3 per cent. in exports, the actual quantity of goods exchanged in the latter year would appear to have been approximately 4 per cent. greater than in 1928. In value, European exports increased by 3.6 per cent., but those of other continents either remained unchanged or declined, the greatest decreases being recorded in shipments from North America and Latin America, which were lower by 2.3 per cent. and by 2.7 per cent., respectively.

All the Continental groups, except Oceania, increased the value of their imports in 1929 in comparison with the preceding year; Europe showed an expansion of only 1.1 per cent., but imports into North America were larger by 4.4 per cent., while in the case of Africa a rise of 6 per cent. occurred. The downward movement in prices in 1929 was very irregular. Vegetable foodstuffs and raw materials fell more in price than manufactured goods, while average prices of meat, coal, iron and certain non-ferrous metals were higher than in 1928. The export trade of agricultural countries was affected by the low prices of their main products, while most cereal growing countries suffered also from light crops, although, in the case of Europe, yields were relatively good.

The Memorandum traces the effect on world trade of the high monetary rates in force during 1929 as a result of the Stock Exchange boom in America. The capital outflow from the United Kingdom in 1929 was practically the same as in 1928, but the estimated figures for the United States recorded a very substantial decline. The stringency in the international capital market was felt most by the borrowing countries in Europe, most of which had to reduce their imports and to increase their exports. The

trade balance of Germany, Poland, Hungary, Roumania, Yugoslavia and certain other countries became active in the second half of the year, the comparatively rich cereal crops being a contributory factor. On the other hand, it is stated that a number of non-European agricultural countries, whose exports declined, increased their imports, but owing to credit difficulties, the majority of these countries were obliged to settle their accounts by exporting gold or drawing upon their foreign countries. Most of the countries mainly dependent on mining and oil production increased their foreign trade considerably in 1929.

It is interesting to note that the composition of trade in the three years ending 1929 was affected by the general rise in the standard of living and the simultaneous expansion in savings. Trade in manufactured articles increased the most. The investigations of the League show that there has been a movement towards the higher and more expensive qualities of goods; in the case of consumption goods satisfying primary needs, such as the products of the wool and cotton industry, there has been little if any progress or possibly even a decline. Trade in capital goods, more especially machinery, has grown rapidly.

The share of the British Empire in world trade was reduced from 28.5 per cent. in 1928 to 28.2 per cent. in 1929, owing entirely to a fall in exports. On the other hand, the United Kingdom's share rose slightly for the first time since 1924, almost entirely as a result of larger imports. A comparison of the value of the total turnover of foreign trade of the various countries of the world shows that the United Kingdom ranked first, followed in order by Germany, France, Canada, India and Japan.

In view of the fact that the League of Nations' statistics are compiled from trade figures relating to over 100 areas, where systems of administration and valuation differ and where to identical terms different meanings are not infrequently attributed, the general results of the investigation must only be regarded as approximate. They are, however, sufficiently correct to enable comparisons to be made from year to year.

NO, THANKS!

MORALISTS are fond of describing this as an age of sensationalism, and the Press is accused of creating too much interest in crime and violence. But what is published is nothing to what is turned down. A few days ago a London syndicate, whose business it is to supply suitable family reading to respectable newspapers at home and abroad, made us, in all apparent seriousness, the following offer:—

"A Highly Sensational Series of Articles Illustrated with Remarkable Pictures." The title was given as "Crimes of the Occult," and the author is a certain FAGEN DEANE. The little brochure starts in this fashion:—

Darkness... Terror... Sinister Powers at work... strange and terrible crimes, ghastly beyond belief... human beings who bathe in woman's blood... these are some of the astounding facts revealed in this amazing series of articles. FAGEN DEANE, student of Occult Phenomena and Investigator of the Inexplicable, has given many years of his life to Psychic Research and during the course of exhaustive inquiries he discovered the truth about many strange crimes committed by devil-worshippers and dabblers in Black Magic. What does the reading public know of the effects of Occultism upon the History of the World? The author throws strong light on this question with his remarkable revelations. The series extends to 4,000 words, divided into four parts of 1,000 words each.

The synopsis of these truly remarkable products is well up to specification, and is as follows:—

Part 1.—THE BATH OF BLOOD! (Elizabeth, Countess of Bathory, the Human Vampire—the Missing Maidens' Mystery—terrible discoveries in the castle cellar—the grande passion of Countess Bathory).

Part 2.—THE DEVIL ON DEATH! (Gille de Tais, the original of "Bluebeard"—his terrible atrocities—how he sacrificed human beings to the Evil One—eighty children suffocated in a small cellar—the last orgy—the doom of the Mad Marahal).

Part 3.—THE WEALTH OF VENGEANCE! (The amazing story of the bewitched nurse—the accusation against Urban Grandier—the handsome Jesuit Priest—the ghost appears—Grandier's executioners and accusers haunted to their death by the Wrath of Vengeance).

Part 4.—THE BLACK MASS! (How Fagen Deane secured admission to a meeting of Devil-worshippers in London—ceremonial—the magic circle—the priest's prayer to Satan—amazing scenes—taunted souls).

The gem of the communication is, however, kept to the end. The last line of the notice, appropriately informs us:—The cable code-word for this series is "Bludy."

★ News and Views ★

Revolution in Radio.

British and French engineers and officials recently conversed by means of a new radio communication system, which for secrecy and business operation may, according to its inventors, cause a revolution in wireless telephony. An ultra-short wave-length of eighteen centimetres was used.

Mrs. Stiggins!

Up and down England are health centres where poor mothers and their babies receive treatment and care, of the kind which have halved infantile mortality in the past few decades. An enlightened public stands behind this work of loving kindness. Now let us read the report of a meeting of the National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship, the well-known and reputable feminist organisation. The report says: "Speaking on a resolution of unmarried mothers, Miss Susan Mussion quoted a case of a centre where she had been told, 'We give the married mothers tea, but the unmarried ones we do not.' (Cries of 'Shame!')

Pirates and Gangsters.

An American woman friend has just presented me with a book of photographs of the gangster war in Chicago, written a correspondent to a London paper. It is not a beautiful collection. My friend, however, finds it enthralling. She calls each "drug" by his nickname. Many of them she knows personally. She imitates their language. She is rich—almost the richest woman in the world—and attractive, and as she is in every other respect a woman of culture, I remonstrated with her. I ran into a tornado.

"Hell," she said, "you collect that great big beam out of your own eye before you begin playing with my little mole. What about your pirates? Did you ever meet an Englishman who wasn't crazy proud of Blackbeard and England and Flint? Well, 'Scarface,' 'Legs Diamond,' and 'Bugs' Moran are our pirates." I sought shelter. "After all," I said, "we hanged Kidd and we cut off Blackbeard's head." "Yeah," she snapped, "and you made Drake a knight."

Although British pirates never enjoyed the same hero-worship during their lifetime as the gangsters do to-day, my friend's comparison is not altogether unfair. Just as the gangsters plead that they supply a public want, shoot only their own class, and are less corrupt than the crooked financiers, so too, England's pirates sought to convince the juries that they were not as black as they were painted, and that they confined their piracy to foreign ships.

★ Local Notes and Events ★

Lo Fuk Chuen, master of fishing junk 4045, reported that he rescued three men from a wrecked junk on Monday last. He also reported that three others were drowned.

The annual general meeting of members of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hong Kong will be held in the rooms of the Institution, to-morrow (Friday).

Messrs. Moutrie inform us that they have received a cable from Mr. A. Strok, saying that to his great regret, he has to cancel the promised visit to Hong Kong of the Sakharoff dancers.

Medical evidence was given that an unregistered *mui tai* was ill-treated and assaulted in a case before Mr. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday. The case was adjourned until April 15 when further evidence will be heard.

Two cases of typhoid, one case of diphtheria and one case of purpura were reported during the 24 hours ended April 7. For the week-ended April 4, there were two cases of small-pox, four cases of diphtheria, three cases of enteric fever and 51 deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis.

Chan Wan Po, a seaman, and Chan Ching, *fok*, were brought before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court yesterday, on charges of murder. The crime was said to have been committed on board the Chinese Customs launch, Pak Tau. A remand was granted and the case will be brought before the Court in seven days' time.

A quarrel during a gambling game, which took place in Graham Street on March 31, and in which two young Chinese engaged in a fight, had a sequel at Central Police Court yesterday when the two men were charged with disorderly conduct. Evidence showed that the second defendant struck the first across the head with a clog and in return was stabbed with a pocket knife. The first defendant was fined \$5 and the second \$10.

Scaffold Poetry!

Crippen, the Hill-drop-crested wife-poisoner, broke into verse when he was in prison, Mr. Herbert Arthur relates in his new book on prisons. Crippen's jingles took a sentimental turn, and had a quality of foreboding: Who truly dreads the sure and awful day When mortal soul shall fly to realms aloft.

Old Favourites.

It is perhaps, the remarkably short life (with a few notable exceptions) of the modern musical comedy that has caused preparations to break out in more than one place for the revival of musical entertainments of a generation, and, in some cases, two or three generations ago, remarks a Home paper. Or is there a revolt against the synecopation and "pop" of so much of the recent light music? That as it may, we are to have in London, at one theatre in the near future "Les Cloches de Corneville," "La Cigale," etc., and, at another, "The Belle of New York," "Florodora," and "The Duchess of Danzig." "The Belle of New York," in which Miss Edna created a furore in 1893, has been revived several times.

Immediate "cuts" of 33 per cent. in imports of refined petrol and nine per cent. in crude oil into America until September 30, are foreseen by a committee on petroleum economics.

The deadlock between the Kailan Mining Administration and the Peiping-Makden Railway continues, but it is understood that the coal shortage is much more serious at Shientai than at Peiping.

Japan's reply to the Soviet protest against the shooting of M. Anikieff, Soviet Counsellor, repeats regret, but insists that there is no connection between the shooting and any anti-Soviet campaign in Japan.

The French paper *Excelsior* has turned its watchful eye on the alleged activities of Mr. Montagu Norman in the United States, and considers that the chief object of the visit of the Governor of the Bank of England is the maintenance of the supremacy of the London market in the distribution of international credits and British participation in the creation of a new international banking organisation.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, three Chinese were found guilty of conspiring to rob and one of them was also found guilty of having possession of arms. All three were sentenced to six months' hard labour on the first charge and in addition the second defendant was sentenced to three months' hard labour on the second charge.

Information was received by the police that a robbery was to take place and arrested the three men before they had a chance to do any harm. Two of the men had previous convictions and his Worship warned them that if they came before the Sessions they would receive from two to three years' sentence.

The licensees of four bonded warehouses at 293 to 302, Des Voeux Road West, were summoned by Mr. Todd, of the Import and Export Department, before Mr. Schofield yesterday for failing to comply with certain regulations with regard to the upkeep of the premises. Mr. Todd said the premises were visited on March 19 by C.P.O. Bullock, who found that certain regulations had not been adhered to. They were, however, only technical offences and Mr. Todd said he was not pressing the case though the defendants failed to put the matter right despite the fact that they have had several warnings. Nominal fines of \$10 on all four summons were imposed.

Looking Back 25 Years.

The *Hankow Daily News* of March 31 reports:—What threatened to be a serious riot took place in the British Concession yesterday when the tea factory coolies belonging to Messrs. Malchinoff, Pechting, & Co. and those engaged in the Russian Concession had a hand-to-hand fight in the Fan Cheong Road. The difference of opinion seems to have been a question of wages. The British Concession coolies had arranged and settled an agreement in regard to their pay

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Messrs. Nam Hing Loong were prosecuted yesterday by the Superintendent of Import and Export Department. Page 6.

The death has occurred in London of Mr. A. V. Apear, a well-known business man and an old resident of Hong Kong. Page 7.

A reception was held at the Nederlandsch Indische Handelsbank yesterday in the new premises when good wishes were expressed for continued success in business. Page 7.

A most amusing entertainment was given at St. Andrew's Church Hall yesterday evening by the members of the Dramatic Society of St. Andrew's Club. Page 5.

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FIRING ON SHIPS IN YANGTZE.

REPORTED MUTINY OF PATUNG GARRISON.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEIPING, April 8.
There has been a recrudescence of firing on ships on the Yangtze. The Yangtze Rapids steamer Iling was heavily fired on from both banks of the river 80 miles above Ichang, and was struck several times.
A Chinese member of the crew was seriously wounded.
H.M.S. Gnat was also fired on. It is reported that the garrison at Patung has mutinied, and it is believed that the troops were responsible for the firing.
Government troops from Ichang have been sent to suppress the mutiny.

BRITISH BOXER FUND TRUSTEES.

FIRST MEETING HELD AT NANKING.

(Wah Taz Yat Pao.)

NANKING, April 8.
The Board of Trustees for the British portion of the Boxer Indemnity Fund held its first meeting yesterday afternoon in the chamber of the Nanking Legislative Yuan.
There were 13 members present, nine Chinese and four British.
A general discussion arose concerning controlling and handling of the fund and the appointment of a secretary and auditor.
An inauguration ceremony was held this morning in the Railway Department.

BRITISH OFFICIAL IN INDIA SHOT DOWN.

MAGISTRATE RECEIVES FIVE BULLET WOUNDS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MIDNAPORE, April 7.
Mr. James Peddie, the District Magistrate of Midnapore, has been rushed to hospital in a critical condition, suffering from five bullet wounds, received in a murderous attack by an unknown assailant.
The murderer escaped.
Mr. Peddie was visiting an educational exhibition at a local school when the outrage occurred.

ATTEMPT TO RECAPTURE A THRONE?

AMANULLAH MERELY EMBARKS ON A PILGRIMAGE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Rome, April 7.
Widespread rumours that Amanullah, former King of Afghanistan, had sailed for the East to make an attempt to recapture his throne are explained by the fact that he sailed from Naples on Sunday for Jeddah.
Ex-King Amanullah, however, is merely embarking upon a pilgrimage to Mecca.

GREAT LOCKOUT THREATENS NORWAY.

LIKELY TO INVOLVE SEVENTY THOUSAND WORKERS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Oslo, April 7.
As the culmination of a long drawn out wage dispute, a great lockout, which has been threatening Norwegian industrial life for some time past, appears to be materialising.
Work is to cease in the iron and steel industry, the engineering and mining industries, the textile and building industries and several other industries, including the printing departments of provincial newspapers, from to-morrow night.
The lockout will involve at least 47,000 workers immediately, while the employers have given notice of a lockout in certain other industries as from April 15, affecting a further 25,000 men.

U.S. SPEAKER SERIOUSLY ILL.

MR. LONGWORTH SUFFERING FROM PNEUMONIA.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, April 7.
It is announced from Aiken, South Carolina, that Mr. Nicholas Longworth, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, is seriously ill, suffering from pneumonia.

KAILAN MINING DEADLOCK.

RIGHTS OF THE QUARREL UNKNOWN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEIPING, April 8.
The deadlock between the Kailan Mining Administration and the Reiping-Mukden Railway continues, but it is understood that the coal shortage is much more serious at Tientsin than in Peiping, owing to the large number of industries in Tientsin and the fact that Peiping can more easily obtain coal from the mines at Tating and Mentou-kow.
While the cost of coal in Peiping is somewhat higher than usual, it is still far from famine prices.
The Kailan Mining Administration are most reticent on the matter, and the rights of the quarrel are not easy to ascertain.

INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS' DISCUSSION.

M. BRIAND RESERVES REPLY TO BRITISH INVITATION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, April 7.
The proposed meeting of Mr. Henderson, Dr. Curtius and Dr. Bruening continues to be widely discussed in Paris, where it is declared, in well-informed circles, that Mr. Henderson approached M. Briand with a similar invitation some weeks ago.
Contrary to earlier reports declaring that M. Briand had declined, it is now stated that he has reserved his reply, which to a certain extent depends on home policy.
It is regarded as possible that representatives of other Powers, particularly of Italy, may be invited.

German Desire for Heart to Heart Talk.

BERLIN, April 8.
It is stated that Dr. Bruening and Dr. Curtius do not favour holding a conference with Mr. A. Henderson in London at the end of May. They prefer May 8, because they desire a heart to heart talk before rather than after the League Council.

CONFERENCES OF WORLD FINANCIERS.

MR. MONTAGU NORMAN'S SUGGESTION.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, April 7.
Mr. Montagu Norman, the Governor of the Bank of England, addressing American financiers, including Mr. Andrew Mellon, the Secretary to the Treasury Department, and Mr. Meyer, the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank, urged periodical conferences between the heads of the Federal Reserve Bank and the central banks of Europe.
The statement is reported in the New York Times, which also quotes an unnamed participant in the conference as saying that while periodic meetings would not have a binding effect, it would be a short-sighted policy if American officials ignored conditions in foreign countries.
The discussions at the meeting were of a general character, touching broadly upon matters of international finance and trade.

France Favours Collaboration With Britain.

PARIS, April 8.
A watchful eye is turned on Mr. Montagu Norman's alleged activities in the United States by the newspaper *Excelsior*, which considers that the chief object of the Governor's visit is the maintenance of supremacy of the London market in the distribution of international credits and British participation in the creation of a new international banking organisation.
The paper declares that France still favours Franco-British collaboration in international financial schemes on the basis of a fair distribution of profits and risks, but France cannot embark on any adventure which will involve participation in an international banking organisation which would be able to dispose of French gold without offering its counterpart in the shape of commercial advantages.

CAPTIVE AMERICAN MISSIONARIES.

IN CAPTIVITY SINCE OCTOBER.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEIPING, April 8.
A letter from the American missionaries Nelson and Tvedt, who were captured last October, states that they are still well.
Seventy Chinese prisoners are also being held to ransom.
The brigands have received the medicines which had been sent to the captive American missionaries, who report that negotiations are now proceeding regarding the methods whereby the cash for their ransom can be delivered, but the bandits are still demanding \$20,000 for the release of the foreigners.

EARTHQUAKE PANIC AT MANAGUA.

ANOTHER VIOLENT SHOCK YESTERDAY.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, April 7.
The remaining citizens of Managua, the quake-wrecked capital of Nicaragua, were thrown into serious panic once again to-day when a fresh sharp earthquake occurred this morning.

REVOLT IN MADEIRA.

STAGE SET FOR DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENTS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 7.
The flag of revolt is waving in the Portuguese Colony of Madeira, off the north-west coast of Africa.
Madeira is a popular holiday resort, and the island is now crowded with British visitors.
Although there has been no news of fighting in the Portuguese island, the stage appears to be set for dramatic developments and the Portuguese authorities are now rushing a cruiser with troops, guns and aeroplanes to the island, where rebels are reported to be mobilising forces to meet an attack.
The island is full of British visitors, but news received in London states that they have not been interfered with, in spite of the excitement of the inhabitants. Nevertheless, it is learned that the 10,000-ton cruiser, H.M.S. London, has been ordered to make full speed for Funchal, the capital of Madeira, from Gibraltar as a precautionary measure.
The cause of the revolt is believed to be dissatisfaction at the prospective reinstatement of the former Governor, Senhor Freitas, whose neglect of the February riots threw undue responsibility upon his subordinates.

PARIS MAY HAVE A CASINO.

NOTED RESORT TO REOPEN?

PARIS.—After the recent legislation throughout the country of outside "Toto" betting, the Chamber of Deputies has decided by 340 votes against 250 to permit the reopening of the famous casino of Enghien, which is 13 miles north of Paris.
About 20 years ago Enghien, with its sumptuous casino, built on the border of a lake and surrounded by magnificent gardens, was the rival of Monte Carlo and Trouville. Two hundred trains ran daily to and from Enghien and Parisians of all classes poured into the casino at night.
So many scandals—responsible business men who ruined themselves, cashiers and clerks who gambled away money stolen from their offices, employees who lost their month's pay, wives who lost their husband's money—were reported at the time, that the deputies of Paris demanded the closing of the casino.
A Bill was passed forbidding any casino within 100 kilometres of Paris.
It was pointed out in Parliament by those who favoured the reopening of the casino that the entrance fee will be £4, which clerks and employees cannot afford.
There is no doubt that the reopening, as well as the proposal for the introduction of roulette and *troupe-et-quarante* in French casinos next season, is intended to attract foreign visitors, the number of whom has so greatly diminished during the past two years that many casinos and hotels in French resorts are in serious financial difficulties.

JAPAN'S REPLY TO SOVIET PROTEST.

REGRET FOR ATTEMPT ON M. ANIKIEFF.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Tokyo, April 8.
Japan's reply to the Soviet Government, which has been published, repeats regret at the Anikieff shooting, but insists that investigations have failed to show any connection between the attempt on M. Anikieff's life and any anti-Soviet campaign in Japan.

ENGLAND-CAPTOWN FLIGHT.

FURTHER ATTEMPT ON RECORD.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, April 7.
Lord Amulree, Secretary for Air, has sent a message of warm congratulation to Lieut. Commander Glen Kidston on the successful completion of his flight to Capetown in six and a half days, which breaks all previous records, and which Lord Amulree describes as a very fine performance.
Press comment on the flight to-night is highly appreciative and includes a suggestion that Glen Kidston may make another attempt on the record for the whole or part of the South African air mail route on his return journey.

ARGENTINIAN GOLD MOVEMENTS.

RESTRICTIVE MEASURES LIFTED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

BUENOS AIRES, April 7.
In order to facilitate foreign exchange operations, the Government has decided to allow gold to the value of three-eighths of any transaction to be deposited in Argentinian Embassies abroad in countries enjoying a gold standard.
Hitherto, owing to the constant drain of gold from the Argentine, restrictive measures have been imposed on gold movements.
Recently, Argentinian currency has improved considerably in the exchange markets.

AMERICA'S OIL INDUSTRY.

IMMEDIATE IMPORT "CUTS" FORECASTED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, April 8.
An immediate "cut" of 33 per cent. in imports of refined petrol and 9 per cent. in crude oil until September 30 is the forecast by a parliamentary committee on petroleum economics.
The representatives of the oil-producing States are meeting here to find ways for relieving the industry.

OIL PROSPECTING IN COLOMBIA.

LARGE COMPANIES TO STOP DEVELOPMENT.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, April 7.
It is reported from Bogota, the capital of Colombia, that two large American oil companies, the Texas Petroleum Company and the Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corporation, have announced their inability to continue development work in the oilfields of Colombia in the face of the new Government regulations.

BOMBAY COTTON MERGER BREAKDOWN.

IMPERIAL BANK DECLINES NECESSARY LOAN.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

BOMBAY, April 7.
A proposed scheme for a merger of 35 cotton textile mills at Bombay has been abandoned because the Government of India has refused to forego entirely the three and a half per cent. stamp duty, which represented an outlay preliminary to the merger of £250,000.
The Government of India offered the negotiators a rebate of half the amount.
The failure was also due to the inability of the mills to arrange a loan of £7,500,000 with the Imperial Bank of India to finance the merger.

KING AND QUEEN OF SIAM.

IMPERIAL AUDIENCE AT TOKYO.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Tokyo, April 8.
Their Majesties the King and Queen of Siam were received in audience by the Emperor and Empress of Japan at the Imperial Palace this morning.
There were exchanges of gifts and cordial greetings in English through an interpreter.
This afternoon, the King and Queen of Siam are attending a flower festival in celebration of Buddha's birthday anniversary.
Presentation Before Buddha's Statue.

LATER.

A curious blend of the ancient and modern East and West was seen this afternoon when the King of Siam, the only reigning monarch who is a Buddhist, accompanied by the Queen, attended the flower festival in the Hibaya Park.

Their Majesties were received by the Mayor of Tokyo, who delivered an address of welcome in English.

Then Their Majesties burned incense before the figure of Buddha, while an aeroplane circled over the ceremony.

An immense throng was present, dressed in all kinds of attire from formal morning clothes to kimonos. The Emperor of Japan is entertaining Their Majesties at a banquet this evening, after which Baron Shidehara will entertain them to a theatre party.

WOMAN EXPERT ON WAR.

ASTONISHED HER EXAMINERS.

Mrs. Gordon Potts, wife of a master at Eton College, has passed her final examination at Oxford in "Military Operations and Theory of War."

She is the first woman to take the examination, and her presence astonished the examiners.

But Mrs. Potts, a daughter of Sir Benjamin Johnson, of Liverpool, is not a militarist.
"I took the examination because my husband hopes later on to do some diplomatic work and I thought I might be able to help him," she explained when interviewed at her home at Datchet, near Windsor.

"I took it also because I wanted to get my degree."

Mrs. Potts went to St. Hugh's College, Oxford, for three years, and it was there she met her husband, who was an undergraduate at Brasenose College.

She sat for the examination last June and left the college three days before the end of the term without giving notice. Consequently, as a punishment her name was removed from the books.

"I did not leave to get married, as has been stated," Mrs. Potts declared, "I was not married until January of this year."

"As a matter of fact, I went to Ascot races. It was simply a case of thoughtlessness on my part, because I should have asked permission."

"My examination papers were torn up, but as the authorities regarded the offence as one due to thoughtlessness they allowed me to take my examination this year."

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, April 7.	
Paris	124.25
New York	4.25 20/32
Brussels	34.04
Geneva	25.24
Amsterdam	12.11
Milan	92.81
Berlin	20.41
Stockholm	18.10
Copenhagen	18.10
Oslo	19.40
Vienna	34.50
Prague	104
Helsingfors	1958
Madrid	44.1
Lisbon	102.25
Athens	817
Bucharest	375
Bombay	32 1/32
Rangoon	39 1/16
Montevideo	35 1/2
Bombay	1/5 13/10
Shanghai	1/21
Hong Kong	11 1/2
Yokohama	27-13/32
Silver, spot & forward	12 14/16

BIG BILL THOMPSON DEFEATED.

CHICAGO MAYORAL ELECTION RESULT.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

CHICAGO, April 7.
As predicted, the election for the Mayorality of Chicago has resulted in a landslide against the Republican nominee, "Big Bill" Thompson, who has been defeated by "Tony" Cermak, the Democrat, whose programme included the sweeping away of crime and corruption in the city's affairs.

The polling figures have not been officially announced, but unconfirmed figures have been published as follows:—
Cermak (Dem.) 516,107.
Thompson (Rep.) 354,902.
These figures give Cermak a majority of well over 100,000.

Celebration of "Big Bill's" Eclipse.

CHICAGO, April 8.
Bullets and bombs (aimed for once harmlessly at the stars), cracked far into the night in celebration of Mayor Thompson's eclipse by Mr. Anton Cermak.

The latest figures are 667,820 for Mr. Cermak, and 475,613 for Mr. Thompson, which represent a record mayoral majority in the history of Chicago.

Mr. Thompson, who was on the verge of exhaustion, accepted the result in a sporting spirit. He telegraphed congratulations to his ex-minor opponent, and he told an interviewer that "in spite of the result, I shall continue to uphold the teachings of George Washington."

Campaign of Unparalleled Invective.

LATER.

Mr. Thompson's ejection by the Bohemian immigrant, Mr. Cermak, who made a fortune in speculation, followed a campaign of unparalleled invective, "Big Bill's" repertoire including "A Jewbaiter Hun, the catnap of international financiers," to which Mr. Cermak replied in the comprehensive phrase "A blubbery hippopotamus defending gangsters, crooked contractors and bloodsucking jobbers."
Mr. Cermak's reply to Mr. Thompson's congratulations was a demand that the latter should hand over the administration immediately to enable an early start with the spring cleaning of the city.
Of only five wards standing by Mr. Thompson, one was the negro quarter and another the underworld section called the "Bloody Twentieth."

KING GEORGE'S SICKNESS.

SPECIALISTS VISIT WINDSOR CASTLE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, April 7.

It was stated at Windsor Castle to-day that His Majesty the King is suffering from an attack of sub-acute bronchitis.

His Majesty is making slow but satisfactory progress.
The statement was in the form of a bulletin and bore no doctor's signature.

The King is not confined to bed, but he remained to-day in his bedroom, where he transacted official business.

Sub-acute bronchitis is a mild form of bronchitis, and the term might be applied to a cold on the chest. It gives no cause for alarm or anxiety.

During the day, Lord Dawson of Penn drove from London to see His Majesty, and Sir Milson Rees, laryngologist to the Royal Household, also paid him a short visit.

Slight Improvement.

LONDON, April 8.

It is officially announced that there is a slight improvement in the King's condition.

LATER.
His Majesty the King is still in his room but not in bed, benefiting from the improved weather and bursts of sunshine.

It is emphasised, however, that the bronchial condition will inevitably take some time to clear up, and if the improvement is continued it will still be at least two or three days before His Majesty has completely recovered.

A LEAGUE OF NATIONS AGAINST CRIME.

MAKING WORLD UNSAFE FOR CROOKS.

A general linking-up of the police forces of the world for the prevention and punishment of crime is proposed in recommendations adopted by the Conference of Representatives of Central Police Offices.
The conference, which was attended by Superintendent G. R. Nicholls, of Scotland Yard, proposes that in view of the increasing international aspect of crime, the League of Nations Council should study the possibility of preparing a Convention of international collaboration between police forces.
The establishment of an official police information bureau, forming a link between the various police forces of the world, is also suggested.

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Sports News

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

MID-WEEK LEAGUE GAMES POSTPONED.

Three senior games in the Hong Kong Football League were due for play yesterday according to the rearranged fixture list, but the games did not come off in each case. Some spectators were present at Caroline Hill to watch the meeting between South China and Recreation, but they left disappointed after ascertaining from an unofficial source that there would be no play.

Another series of games is arranged for next Wednesday in an effort to work off the arrears, but it remains to be seen how many of the four games will be carried out.

St. Joseph's have withdrawn from the First Division of the League and in consequence all their remaining fixtures are cancelled. Points are awarded to their respective opponents.

Scotland v. China.

The following have been selected to represent Scotland against China in the final of the Sunday Herald Charity Cup Competition to be played on the Hong Kong Football Club ground on Saturday, April 10, kick-off at 4.30 p.m. sharp:—
 Bodger (Club); Blackburn and Henderson (A. & S.H.); Hay (A. & S.H.); McKelvie (Kowloon); and A. Duncan (Club); Hughes, McTavish, London (A. & S.H.); Oram (Police); Capt. Campbell (A. & S.H.); Reserves: Angus, Macfarlane, Shepherd, Alexander, Bell and McGlashan.

Council Meeting.

The monthly meeting of the H.K.F.A. Council will be held at 5.30 p.m. next Tuesday in their new office premises at 20, Ice House Street.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:—

To confirm the minutes of Council Meeting No. 9; to confirm the minutes of Emergency Committee meetings Nos. 12 and 13, also League Management Committee meeting No. 6; Transurra's statement of documents for March and to pass accounts; correspondence; League trophies; and any other business that may arise.

H.K.C.C. TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

The prevailing inclement weather caused another blank day yesterday, all matches down for decision being postponed.

To-day's programme follows:—

Open Doubles.

M. K. Lo and M. K. Lo v. Ho Ka Lau and Yew Man Kit.
 Handicap Singles "A."
 Foley (scr.) v. Holmes (own 13).
 R. H. Wild (rec. 3/6) v. J. H. Alderson (own 3/6) v. A. C. I. Roper (rec. 1/0).

Handicap Singles "B."

Jensen (rec. 5/0) v. O. C. Womack (own 1/0) or Clarabutt (rec. 1/0).

Mixed Doubles.

Mr. and Mrs. Bishop (scr.) v. Remington and Mrs. H. Owen Hughes (rec. 2/0).
 Hill and Mrs. Orme (rec. 2/0) v. Monaghan and Mrs. Jacques (own 4/6).
 Humphreys and Miss Thomas (own 15) v. Sewell and Mrs. Percy (own 1/0).

SOLDIERS AT PLAY.

BAIN INTERFERES WITH BORDERERS' SPORTS.

What otherwise would have been a fine afternoon's sport yesterday was marred by the rain when the South Wales Borderers held their athletic meeting. After only four events had been run, it was decided to postpone the sports till today when the remaining events will be decided in the morning and the afternoon.

The results so far are as follows:—
 100 yards (Individuals):—1. Pte. Rees; 2. Pte. Lewis; 3. Pte. Wakeford. Time: 10.35 secs.

Inter-Company Relay Race (Four men to run 1 mile each):—1. D.M.G. Co.; 2. "A" Co.

One mile team championship:—1. D.M.G. Co.; 2. "A" Co.
 200 yards (Individuals):—1. Pte. Rees; 2. Lt. Barlow; 3. Pte. Wakeford. Time: 2.50 secs.

Ground conditions were far from being favourable, being decidedly on the heavy side, but despite this the times returned were very good. Pte. Rees did exceptionally well in the 100 and 200 yards event, while the team races were very evenly contested.

HOME FOOTBALL.

ASTON VILLA WIN BY SMALL MARGIN.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS.

London, April 7.

A number of football matches in the English League, concluding the Easter holiday programme, were played to-day, but in none of them were the respective leaders in the three divisions engaged.

In the First Division games, Aston Villa, who are now in a hopeless position to prevent the Arsenal winning the championship, succeeded in getting the points from Newcastle by the odd goal in seven. Sheffield Wednesday, last season's champions, were only able to share the points at Huddersfield.

Of the four matches in the other divisions, Bradford City alone took full points, while all the others had to be content with a division of the spoils.

The following are the full results:—

Division I.		
Aston Villa	4	Newcastle 3
Huddersfield	1	Wednesday 1
Leeds	4	Sheffield U. 0
Leicester	2	Chelsea 1
Division II.		
Bradford C.	3	Swansea 0
Wolves	1	Bradford 1
Division III. (Southern).		
Coventry	2	Watford 2
Northampton	0	Luton 0

GAY CENTURY BY M. J. TURNBULL.

FINAL M.C.C. MATCH ENDS IN A DRAW.

Capetown.—M. J. Turnbull gave his best batting display of the South African tour when the M.C.C. resumed their innings in the match with Western Province. This was the final match of the tour, and ended in a draw.

The M.C.C. were eight runs behind, with nine wickets in hand, and Leyland and Turnbull continued batting on a good wicket. Runs came freely, and Turnbull hit with great vigour all round the wicket.

The partnership yielded 125 before Leyland was caught in the deep field, having scored a sound 50.

Turnbull and Hendren added 109 for the third wicket. Turnbull's lively effort of 139 being ended by a catch in the long field. He batted two hours and a half and hit 14 fours.

Hendren went on to complete his fifty by powerful hitting. With the score at 235 for 3, J. C. White declared, setting Western Province, the apparently impossible task of getting 274 in just over two hours to win.

Western Province lost Manning when only one run had been scored. Martin and Bond, however, played steadily.

When the total reached 141 for two stumps were drawn, 20 minutes before time.

M.C.C.

First innings.—(Tate not out 115, Hendren 61), 254.

SECOND INNINGS.

R. E. S. Wyatt, c Stoke.	0
b Morkel	0
Leyland, c Wallace, b Morkel	50
M. J. Turnbull, c Martin, b Bond	139
Hendren, c b Stoke	60
Tate, c Glantz, b Stoke	13
Voor, b Stoke	26
J. C. White, not out	25
Farrimond, not out	11
Extras	21

Total (6 wks.) 235

* Innings declared closed.

Monday 2 for 62, Bond 1 for 28, Stoke 3 for 58.

Western Province.

First innings.—(J. Goulden, not out 75, T. de Klerk 64, Allom 6 for 49), 210.

SECOND INNINGS.

L. Mappings, b Allom	0
F. Martin, c Farrimond, b Gouldard	53
C. F. Bond, not out	77
A. Phipps, not out	6
Extras	4

Total (2 wks.) 141

Allom 1 for 0, Gouldard 1 for 13.

Match drawn.

M.C.C. have played 20 matches, won 7, lost 1, and drawn 12.

CLAPTON ORIENT.

TAKEN OVER BY "THE ARSENAL."

Clapton Orient Football Club, who are in the Southern Section of League III., have been bought up by the Arsenal, the First Division club. Details of this sensational disclosure appeared recently in the "Evening Standard" whose special correspondent states:—

I understand that the Arsenal club have taken over all the liabilities and obligations of Clapton Orient, and will thus be in full control of the Third Division club. It is a bold stroke in an effort to keep alive a neighbour who has fallen upon hard times.

The action has no parallel that I can call to mind, though there was a time when Sir Henry Norris (then Mr. Norris) and Mr. W. Hall, while directors of Fulham, stepped into the breach at Plumstead with the idea of saving the Woolwich Arsenal Club as it was, then.

Sir H. Norris and Mr. Hall afterwards resigned their connection with Fulham and concentrated on the position at Plumstead. Success was not gained, however, until the club moved to North London.

Doomed to Collapse.

Now comes a noble step by Arsenal to save a club which seemed doomed to collapse unless assistance dropped from the clouds. There is no Football League rule to forbid such a step, but, of course, the League Management Committee, like the council of the Football Association, have almost unlimited powers, and little can be done without sanction. The permission of the League and of the Football Association has to be obtained even for trifling affairs.

There is little doubt, however, but that a broad view will be taken of this matter. It is not a selfish project for the enrichment of Arsenal; it is an act which will enable Clapton Orient to carry out the season's programme and will ensure all creditors having their just demands met. Incidentally the Third Division programme will be fulfilled according to schedule. It would have been most unfortunate for any breakdown to occur in the last two months of the season.

Deliverance.

It was only last month that the "Evening Standard" pointed out how rapidly the affairs of Clapton Orient were approaching a crisis.

Since they moved to their new ground at Lea Bridge Speedway, E., the club's revenue from "rates" has been insufficient to meet expenditure; and at the end of last season the position was such that players then signed on agreed to let their summer wages stand over until this season had begun and money started to come in again.

Players have even had to buy meals on journeys to away matches, while some of the directors have contributed freely to the club funds with little hope of seeing their money again.

Now, when the club were facing the possibility of closing their gates permanently, deliverance has come from an unexpected quarter.

With such a burden of responsibility the Arsenal, of course, have taken steps to safeguard their position by appointing officials to represent not only their financial interests but their football interests.

Prospects.

While, no doubt, the club will be run as entirely separate concerns, young players in the Clapton Orient team will always have before them the prospect of "promotion" by transfer to the senior club.

Orient, before their last match with Brighton, had played 28 games and scored 25 points. They were bracketed equal fourth from the bottom of the League table with Walsall, but the Staffordshire club had played three more games. Below Orient in the table were Thames (with 24 points), Norwich (20 points), and Newport (10 points).

This is the club's first season at the Lea Bridge Speedway ground. Before they played at Millfields, road, Homerton, E. Several games this season, however, had to be played at Wembley Stadium, because the Football League ordered alterations to be made to the Lea Bridge playing pitch.

V.R.C. MEETING.

MR. LOGAN'S REVIEW OF THE YEAR.

A CLUB TO BE PROUD OF.

At the annual general meeting of members of the Victoria Recreation Club, yesterday, the Chairman, Mr. W. Logan, in reviewing the work of the year said:—

At our last annual meeting I said we had enjoyed a very successful year and that I was looking forward to 1930 being as successful. I am sure that you will all agree that the year 1930 has been most gratifying. It is often said that new brooms sweep clean—in this case they have kept sweeping.

Your confidence in the committee and officials, you elected en-bloc at the last annual meeting has not been misplaced, for they have again done their duty and presented an annual report and statement of accounts which is very pleasing to all of us, and this, considering the hard times everybody in the Colony has been experiencing, reflects great credit on them.

A Club to be Proud Of.

Your club is now a club to be proud of and I am sure you can look forward to the future with every confidence. If you turn to the working account you will note that we made a profit of \$2,141.17, despite the fact that we expended \$2,029 on extraordinary repairs; that alone speaks for itself. We also redeemed 18 debentures during the year.

The Club buildings have been thoroughly overhauled and all the interior redecorated. The Club has also been rewired throughout and new fans and lights fitted in the Social Hall, Bar, Lounge and Gymnasium.

You will also note from the report that all the boats in the Boat House are in good condition and our stock of oars has been brought up to necessary requirements.

The activities of the Club are fully dealt with in the report and show that we are still doing good work for all who wish to take up good healthy recreation; also this year 22 members have qualified to save life and render aid to the apparently drowned, thereby making themselves useful members of the community.

With these few remarks I beg to propose that the annual report and statement of accounts for the year 1930 be passed, and after they are seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions that may arise.

New Officers.

The election of officers followed and the Hon. W. T. Southorn was re-elected Chairman. The following were elected on the General Committee:—Mr. W. Logan, Mr. F. W. T. Ross, Mr. A. F. B. Silva-Netto, Mr. J. R. Soares, Mr. S. A. Marcol, Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. J. M. M. Alves, Lt.-Col. F. Eaves, and Mr. H. Hyndman.

The retiring Hon. Secretary, Mr. James Stewart, was presented with the Royal Life Saving Society's diploma, which is the highest award of its kind available.

LOCAL SHIPBUILDING.

NEW FERRY'S SUCCESSFUL TRIAL.

Messrs. Bailey & Co., Ltd., have completed for the Hong Kong and New Territories Ferry Co., Ltd., the passenger and cargo ferry Sun-U which has very successfully passed her trials.

The vessel is of steel to Hong Kong trade requirements and is 90 feet overall, 20 feet beam and 6 feet depth, moulded. The vessel is powered with one Gardner full Diesel engine of 152 brake horse power with bronze propeller and usual equipment, electric light being fitted throughout.

Turning and reversing tests were highly satisfactory and quite free from vibration, and the average speed over four runs on the measured course was 22 knots against the contract speed of 21 knots. The construction throughout was supervised by Messrs. D. A. Purves & Co., Consulting Engineers, for the owners who were very pleased with the vessel in every respect.

Messrs. Bailey & Co., Ltd., have also completed for F. Fold & Co. of Canton the re-erection of a standard bucket dredger which has been tried under full dredging load to the owners' entire satisfaction.

THE VIVIAN GORDON CASE.

NEW YORK WAR ON GRAFT.

New York.—New and astonishing "twists" to the Vivian Gordon murder mystery thrill New York every day. The latest developments in the revelations that have followed the killing of the red-haired night-club hostess, who was to have given evidence of alleged police "vice graft," are:—

Early records of Vivian Gordon are stated to have vanished from the District Attorney's office;

The dead woman's brother, Mr. Pierre Franklin, is said to have been driven temporarily insane by brutal third-degree methods of the police;

Her sister is in New York, under strong police guard, to claim the dead woman's supposed \$10,000 estate; and

The Society for the Prevention of Crime and the New York churches have declared "a great war on vice and corruption."

The records that have disappeared are those of the examination of Vivian Gordon in the "Stock Fraud" case in 1929. They were made by the assistant district attorney.

It is stated that gangsters are not only able to get their trials indefinitely postponed, but can have the records of them removed from the files after the cases have been forgotten.

"Purge the City."

The Society for the Prevention of Crime has drafted a letter, demanding an inquiry into the administration of New York. Mr. Walker, the Mayor, who is on holiday in California, is charged with inaction and laxity over the corruption scandals which have made a tremendous stir in the city. A copy of the letter is being sent to-day to every member of Congress.

The "Vigilantes" group has been launched to back up the demand for an inquiry and to rally the public to a great war on graft. The heads of 52 churches have passed a resolution asking the Governor of New York to purge the city of vice and corruption.

Following the statement by two taxi-men that on the night of the crime they pursued a yellow taxi-

cab, in which they heard a girl screaming, the police have issued 50,000 circulars, bearing a picture of Vivian Gordon. They have made a special appeal to taxicab drivers to help in tracing the criminal or criminals.

"Keep His Mouth Shut."

With regard to the allegation about M. Pierre Franklin it is hinted that he collapsed suddenly after having been subjected to a third degree interrogation by the police, either with a view to extract information or to make him keep his mouth shut. It is pointed out that he has not been seen since his removal to hospital.

Miss Franklin, who lives in Cincinnati, has come to New York, it is stated, to claim an estate of \$10,000, which is supposed to have been left her by Vivian Gordon. Her intention is apparently to bring legal proceedings to that end.

She recently lost her post as a clerk and fears that the publicity about her sister's fate may handicap her chances of finding employment.

NEW GERMAN DECREE CONTESTED.

HITLER FILES SUIT IN THE SUPREME COURT.

Munich, March 31.—By the order of Herr Adolf Hitler the National Socialist Party to-day filed a suit before the Reich's supreme court at Leipzig against the Reichsgovernment putting into effect the emergency decree signed by President von Hindenburg a few days ago and suspending certain constitutional liberties in order to counteract the excesses of the extremist parties. The National Socialists claim that the Presidential decree is unconstitutional and therefore not valid.

Meanwhile, the chief of the Berlin police on the strength of the presidential decree prohibited the holding of the national congress of the Communist Youth organisation scheduled for the Easter holidays and at the same time banned the big National Socialist meeting which was to take place in the capital.

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G. R. PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 13th DAY of APRIL, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Waterloo Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 76 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 76 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 3454	Adjoining Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1106, Waterloo Road.	As per sale plan	About 42,800	492	\$2,100

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2457	North of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 9410, Portland Street.	As per sale plan	About 5,109	04	\$2,773

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 13th DAY of APRIL, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at May Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 76 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 76 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
3	Inland Lot No. 3180	May Road	As per sale plan	About 2,300	18	\$2,300

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LADY ROSAMOND CHRISTIE CROSS-EXAMINED.

HER HUSBAND'S ECCENTRICITIES.

"Quite frankly, my life was in constant danger," said Lady Rosamond Christie in the Probate Court when she was being questioned by Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C., as to her attitude towards her husband, who died in April, 1930.

"My one wish was for his good," she declared later.

Lady Rosamond is plaintiff in the action concerning the £300,000 estate of the late Mr. Augustus Langham Christie, of Eaton square, W., and Tapeley Park, Instow, North Devon.

When the hearing was adjourned Sir Patrick Hastings had not concluded his cross-examination of the plaintiff, who had been in the witness-box for seven hours.

The question at issue is whether Mr. Christie was sane in 1925 when he executed a will which is being supported by Col. Gerald Baidon: Oerton, a Barnstable solicitor, in his position as executor. Mr. Otho Nicholson, M.P., the residuary legatee under the will, is cited as a party to the suit.

An earlier will of 1901 was in favour of Lady Rosamond Christie, a daughter of the fifth Earl of Portsmouth.

Lady Rosamond was questioned with reference to an occasion in July, 1922, when, she said, her husband struck her while they were staying at an hotel in Kensington. They had visited London to get the opinion of Sir Thomas Horder as to Mr. Christie's condition.

Mr. Stuart Bevan, K.C.: How did your husband behave during the time you were in London—He was very excitable and very difficult. Once I remember he struck me on my arm with his stick in the sitting-room of the hotel. In the taxi on the way to the hotel he was kicking and throwing himself about.

A Great Deal of Guessing.

Once after he returned from some races, added Lady Rosamond, her husband was frightened because he said he had gone blind. He was fixed in a chair and seemed afraid to move. Before he was removed to the nursing home in Bristol in 1924, she could not understand what he said or what he wanted. There used to be a great deal of guessing.

Lord Merrivale: If you guessed wrong, I dare say he was not pleased. That is so. And when I guessed right he said "Of course"—his usual expression.

Mr. Bevan: Did your husband strike you after he came back from Bristol?—Yes. I remember one day when he returned from the Barnstable club, I and my companion were passing through the hall on our way to a concert at the hotel when he rushed at me and struck me heavily with his stick across my chest. He also made as if to kick over an oil stove because the central heating had gone wrong.

"I called out to the attendant to move the stove," continued Lady Rosamond, "and my husband then rushed at me and struck me with his stick. The attendant intervened and prevented me from reviving another blow. My husband rushed into his study and ripped the curtains from the rings."

Can you recall any other instances of violence or threats?—Yes. I remember threatening him used to get into a temper like a child, and say, hope dead soon, and he used language which he did not use when he was sane.

Did these attacks happen without warning?—I think the worst scenes were provoked after he had been to the club.

Scenes Kept in Desk.

Did you ever see him throw anything in the dining-room?—Yes. He used to like to buy five scenes for his breakfast at a time. He kept them in his desk, and every morning he would fetch five scenes and put them on a plate. No one must touch those scenes.

Did he like to lock the door of his room?—Yes. He used to lock his door and get out of the window into the garden.

Did he ever do anything with regard to umbrellas?—Yes. We had two umbrella stands in the hall—a special one for him because he always liked his own things and the other one for visitors. Sometimes he would take out the sticks and umbrellas and throw them on the floor in lines.

If her husband were annoyed by went round the house and put on

all the lights. Once, because the maid had forgotten to close the front door after washing the floor—which he disliked—Mr. Christie picked up the heavy iron door-stop and smashed the glass top of a table with it. If he fell down and anyone attempted to help him up he was furious. He used to scratch the furniture with his finger nails.

"If he were cross with me," remarked Lady Rosamond, "he used to lift up his legs and with his nailed boots scrub the top of his bureau."

At the time of her appointment as receiver in lunacy of the estate, £10,800 sur-tax was being demanded. She always tried to prevent her husband knowing that he was no longer in control, as she wanted him to be under the impression that he was still the "Captain."

She arranged to have an office in the servants' quarters, so that her husband should not know of her interviews with the agent of the estate. Once, however, Mr. Christie found her there and picked up a chair as if to knock her down. She rushed out of the room.

Mr. Christie "loved signing cheques," and she made arrangements at the bank for him to be supplied with a cheque book. He drew cheques and she substituted proper ones for them.

Two Cheques of £1,000 Each.

Two cheques, each for £1,000, payable to Lady Rosamond, were handed to her. She identified the signature of her husband on each.

Lady Rosamond recalled that on an occasion in 1927 when Mr. Christie was in an affectionate mood he wanted to make her a present of money. He mentioned £2,000, but she replied, simply so that he could understand, "A lot of money, dear, too much, very kind, only half." He thereupon gave her a cheque for £1,000, and he seemed quite happy. She never paid in the cheque. The other cheque was given to her in similar circumstances.

Lady Rosamond, who had been sitting during the latter part of her examination, rose as if to leave the witness-box when Mr. Bevan concluded.

Lord Merrivale: You have still to be cross-examined, Lady Rosamond.

Lady Rosamond: Yes, I know. I expect it will be unpleasant, but I must tell the truth, that's all.

Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C. (cross-examining): I want you to listen to this letter you wrote to Mr. Bowden (the estate agent) in January, 1930. The letter says: "This estate has for years been overrun with vermin. We are straight, clean-handed, conscientious, and our doings can be looked into, so we have nothing to fear and must win." Who were the vermin?—I did not mean anybody in particular. That letter was written under tremendous provocation.

Had it for years been your policy to regard Mr. Christie as incapable of managing his affairs?—For many years his powers were failing, but "policy" implies some horrible motive. I had none.

If it be true that outside your house Mr. Christie was a sweet-tempered man of apparently normal intellect, how can you explain the discrepancy between his condition inside the house and his condition outside?—I do not think it is true that he was amiable tempered outside. I have heard stories of workpeople running away when they saw him coming. They would not have run away if he were a sweet-tempered man.

Fifty Years Ago.

How long did you and your husband actually live together after your marriage? Was it as long as six months?—I cannot tell you for certain; it is so many years ago. It is difficult to remember what happened nearly fifty years ago.

But it is your wedding I am asking you about. How many years after that was it before you and your husband joined each other in the same house?—Two or three years, or something like that.

Did you occupy the same room?—I think we did.

Have you and your husband ever occupied the same room at Tapeley?—Yes.

For how long?—I cannot tell you. Did you and your husband occupy separate rooms for many years before his first stroke?—Yes, except in times of distress. I remember a favourite dog died he was fretful and came into my room for some time.

Would it be right to say that your life with your husband before his stroke was that of a comparative stranger?—We preferred to be solitary.

Asked about her husband's nature before he had his first stroke, Lady Rosamond said: "I should define him as a man who could be gentle and kind, but he would have fits of temper, and moroseness, and would be like the character that was never in very good balance."



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Sir Patrick: Do you agree that the difficulties of your husband's life must have been terrible?—Yes, of course they were.

If he was struggling to talk to unsympathetic persons his position would be almost impossible?—Yes. Supposing somebody held a position in his house which he did not want to continue, do you think it would be very difficult for him to explain his feelings in measured terms?—Don't you think it would be better instead of dealing with imaginary cases to get to some concrete facts, Sir Patrick?

Sir Patrick: If you don't mind, I will put my questions in my own way.

Thinking of a New Will.

"When did you first hear or suspect that your husband was thinking of making a new will?" asked Sir Patrick.

Lady Rosamond: About a week before I took him to see Sir Thomas Horder.

As from that date were you trying to get your husband certified insane?—"Good heavens, no. I wanted to gain protection, and I did not think he was fit to have business matters in his hands."

"Quite frankly," added Lady Rosamond, "my life was in constant danger."

Sir Patrick: Until you heard that your husband was making a

new will, is there a single record of any communication to or from any doctor as to the state of your husband's mental condition?—There were Dr. Toye's records he kept of all his illnesses.

Would it be too much to suggest that after the stroke of 1924 your husband was a dangerous man?—No, I do not think it would.

One thing he would hate was to know that you were managing his estate?—Yes, it was told.

Do you agree that the one real pleasure that was left to your husband in life was being a host to his own friends and maintaining the appearance of asking them to shoot?—Yes, and I never prevented it. I kept up the shooting as long as he wanted it, regardless of whether we had the money in the bank or not.

Do you think that what you did with regard to the shooting tended to make his life happier?—Yes, I do.

The hearing, as stated, was adjourned.

Counsel for the plaintiff (Lady Rosamond Christie), Sir John Simon, K.C., Mr. Stuart Bevan, K.C., Mr. Noel Middleton, and Mr. Dingle Foot, for the defendant (Col. Oerton), Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C., Mr. Cotes-Precy, K.C., and Mr. Bush James, for the party cited, Mr. T. Bucknill and Mr. F. L. C. Hodson.

U.S. UNEMPLOYED RAID LEGISLATURE

BALTIMORE PARTY FORCE WAY INTO BUILDING

Annapolis, April 1.—After a march from Baltimore to-day 25 alleged Communists created a disturbance in Annapolis when they stormed the State House in an attempt to present a petition in behalf of the unemployed to Governor Albert C. Ritchie.

Involving the Capitol of Maryland the demonstrators clashed with police. In the rioting which ensued tear-gas was used and considerable damage was caused. Two of the demonstrators were injured.

Police forcibly ejected the Baltimore party from the State House. The rioting continued in the Capitol grounds and 15 of them were placed under arrest.

After the disturbance had been quelled Governor Ritchie received one of the party. He accepted the petition in behalf of the unemployed and promised to take whatever action he could.

The spokesman for the demonstrators promised to create no further disturbances. Several of the petitioners were negroes.

REV. G. VALE OWEN DEAD.

NOTED SPIRITUALIST.

The Rev. G. Vale Owen, the spiritualist, died at his home at Farnborough, Kent, last month, aged 61. He had been ill for some time.

Mr. Owen was one of the first clergymen of the Church of England to embrace spiritualism. At the time he was Vicar of Oxford, near Warrington.

He attended a seance in London, at which he said he received a message from his mother, and his interest in spiritualism dated from that night. He resigned his living and devoted his time to propaganda for spiritualism.

CLEARANCES.

April 9.

Cremor, for Singapore.
Hanyang, for Canton.
Guanxi, for Saigon.
Kuanxi, for Singapore.
Linnan, for Canton.
Malacca, for Singapore.
Mausang, for Sandakan.
Tjibadak, for Shanghai.
Wing Lee, for K. C. Wan.
Yantahing, for Canton.

The P. & O. s.s. Karmala left Shanghai for this port on the 7th instant at 3.30 p.m. and is due here on the 10th instant at about 6 a.m.
The B.I. s.s. Takada left Singapore for this port on the 3rd instant and is due here on the 6th instant.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, April 8.

Previous Day	On Date	On Date
at 4 p.m.	at 10 a.m.	at 4 p.m.
Barometer... 29.08	31.15	31.08
Temperature... 63	62	62
Humidity... 89	87	88
Wind... E	E	E
Direction... E	E	E
Force... 4	3	3
Weather... OD	OD	OD
Rain... 2.1	0.0	1.42
Highest open-air Temperature... 76.0		
Lowest open-air Temperature... 61.0		

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From April 8 to 14, 1931.

Days of Week	Date	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Thur.	9	13.15	1.5	1.5	1.5
Fri.	10	14.02	1.1	2.3	1.5
Sat.	11	15.10	0.8	0.0	1.4
Sun.	12	16.34	0.6	1.55	1.3
Mon.	13	18.40	0.7	0.10	1.0
Tues.	14	19.20	0.9	0.134	1.5
Wed.	15	19.03	1.1	0.2	1.6

ADVERTISED SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG

ALEXANDRIA

Pres. Adams, Dollar, April 10.
Pres. Harrison, Dollar, May 3.
Pres. Hayes, Dollar, May 17.

AMSTERDAM

Taiyuan, B. & S., April 9.
Haining, Douglas, April 10.
Tjibadak, J.C.J.L., April 11.
Anshun, B. & S., April 12.
Takada, B.I., April 12.
Hanyang, Douglas, April 14.
Tainan, B. & S., April 15.
Tjibadak, J.C.J.L., April 16.
Haining, Douglas, April 17.
Kumsang, Jardine's, April 17.
Sirdhana, B.I., April 24.
Suifang, Jardine's, April 25.
Tjibadak, J.C.J.L., April 25.
Haining, Douglas, May 6.
Tainan, B.I., May 8.

ANTWERP

Karmala, P. & O., April 11.
Salandia, Manners, April 17.
Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., April 18.
Soudan, P. & O., May 2.
Terukuni Maru, N.Y.K., May 2.
Danmark, Manners, May 5.
Kalyan, P. & O., May 6.

AUSTRALIAN PORTS

Change, B. & S., April 21.
Kamo Maru, N.Y.K., April 23.
Nellore, E. & A., May 1.

BALTIMORE

Tweedbank, Bank, May 4.

BANGKOK

Kwangchow, B. & S., April 12.
Kingsu, B. & S., April 13.

BARCELONA

Burgenland, Jenson, April 25.
Fulda, Melchers, May 2.

BATAVIA

Cremor, J.C.J.L., April 9.

BOMBAY

Mirzapore, P. & O., April 9.
Tango Maru, N.Y.K., April 11.
Hilda, Dodwell's, April 12.
Pilsna, Dodwell's, April 12.
Tottori Maru, N.Y.K., April 27.
Kidderpore, P. & O., May 5.
Col. di Lana, Dodwell's, May 10.

BOSTON

Japanese Prince, Furness, April 9.
Lisbon Maru, N.Y.K., April 13.
Tai Ping Yang, Dodwell's, April 13.

BREMEN

Pres. Adams, Dollar, April 19.
Chinese Prince, Furness, April 21.
Pres. Harrison, Dollar, May 3.
Tweedbank, Bank, May 4.
Pres. Hayes, Dollar, May 17.

BRINDISI

Hilda, Dodwell's, April 12.
Pilsna, Dodwell's, April 12.
Col. di Lana, Dodwell's, May 10.

CALCUTTA

Malacca Maru, N.Y.K., April 9.
Murotan Maru, N.Y.K., April 15.
Yuenan, B.I., April 18.
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Takada, B.I., May 3.
Kumsang, Jardine's, May 8.
Sirdhana, B.I., May 13.
Suifang, Jardine's, May 13.

CANTON

Perseus, B.F., April 23.
Kalyan, P. & O., May 9.

CHEFOO

Hanyang, B. & S., April 10.
Kueichow, B. & S., April 21.
Huichow, B. & S., May 1.

COLOMBO

Carnarvonshire, Jardine's, April 9.
Mirzapore, P. & O., April 9.
Karmala, P. & O., April 11.
Tango Maru, N.Y.K., April 11.
Hilda, Dodwell's, April 12.
Angers, M.M., April 14.
Hector, B.F., April 15.
Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., April 18.
Pilsna, Dodwell's, April 19.
Pres. Adams, Dollar, April 19.
Anchises, B.F., April 21.
Rajputana, P. & O., April 25.
Tottori Maru, N.Y.K., April 27.
Felix Roussel, M.M., April 28.
Glenluce, Jardine's, April 28.
Terukuni Maru, N.Y.K., May 2.
Pres. Harrison, Dollar, May 3.
Kidderpore, P. & O., May 5.
Col. di Lana, Dodwell's, May 10.
Aeneas, B.F., May 12.
General Metzinger, M.M., May 12.
Pres. Hayes, Dollar, May 17.

COOPENHAGEN

Salandia, Manners, April 17.
Danmark, Manners, May 5.

DALNY

Linnan, B. & S., April 13.
Sarpedon, B.F., May 1.

DUTCH PORTS

Carnarvonshire, Jardine's, April 9.
Formosa, Gilman's, April 10.
Karmala, P. & O., April 11.
Oldenburg, Jenson, April 11.
Hector, B.F., April 15.
City of Khios, Bank, April 16.
Salandia, Manners, April 17.
Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., April 18.
Anchises, B.F., April 21.
Perseus, B.F., April 23.
Soudan, P. & O., May 2.
Terukuni Maru, N.Y.K., May 2.
Kalyan, P. & O., May 6.
Col. di Lana, Dodwell's, May 10.
Aeneas, B.F., May 12.
City of Athens, Bank, May 10.
Trave, Melchers, May 17.

FOOCHOW

Haining, Douglas, April 10.
Hanyang, Douglas, April 14.
Cheongching, Jardine's, April 15.
Haining, Douglas, April 17.
Chipshing, Jardine's, April 24.
Huichow, B. & S., May 1.

GENOA

Formosa, Gilman's, April 10.
Oldenburg, Jenson, April 11.
Hilda, Dodwell's, April 12.
Lima Maru, N.Y.K., April 13.
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Pres. Adams, Dollar, April 19.
Teiresias, B.F., April 20.
Burgenland, Jenson, April 25.
Fulda, Melchers, May 2.
Pres. Harrison, Dollar, May 3.
Vogtland, Jenson, May 9.
Col. di Lana, Dodwell's, May 10.
Nanking, Gilman's, May 12.
Pres. Hayes, Dollar, May 17.

GLASGOW

Hector, B.F., April 15.
Teiresias, B.F., April 20.
Aeneas, B.F., May 12.

GOTHENBURG

Formosa, Gilman's, April 10.
Nanking, Gilman's, May 12.

HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW

Kingyuan, B. & S., April 10.
Kingsu, B. & S., April 13.
Kwangchow, B. & S., April 24.

HAMBURG

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CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM
NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Co.'s Vessel
"PREMIER"

From NEW YORK via MANILA
are hereby notified that their Cargo
will be discharged into Holt's
Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie
at Consignee's risk and subject to
Terms and Conditions of Storage at
Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be
ready for Delivery from Godown on
and after 7th April.

Optional Cargo will not be landed
here, unless Notice has been given prior
to Vessel's arrival, but carried on from
port to port to the final port of call
to which the option extends.
All broken, chafed and damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns, where they
will be examined on any Tuesdays and
Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m.
and Noon within the Free Storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Vessel's Godown
and all Goods remaining undelivered
after the 15th April will be subject
to Rent.

All Claims against the Vessel must
be presented to the Underwriter on or
before the 27th April, or they will
not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

7th April, 1931. [578]

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CONSIGNEES per Co.'s Vessel
"AENEAS"

From UNITED KINGDOM via
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are hereby notified that their Cargo
will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon,
where it will lie at Consignee's risk and
subject to Terms and Conditions of
Storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo
will be ready for Delivery from Godown
on and after 7th April.

Optional Cargo will not be landed
here, unless Notice has been given prior
to Vessel's arrival, but carried on from
port to port to the final port of call
to which the option extends.
All broken, chafed and damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns, where they
will be examined on any Tuesdays and
Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m.
and Noon, within the Free Storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Vessel's Godown
and all Goods remaining undelivered
after the 15th April will be subject
to Rent.

All Claims against the Vessel must
be presented to the Underwriter on or
before the 27th April, or they will
not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

7th April, 1931. [580]

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having arrived from BREMEN, HAM-
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are hereby notified that their Cargo is
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signees and the Company's Surveyors,
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on the 15th of April, 1931.

No Claim will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godown and all
Claims must be presented within Two
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which date they will not be recognised.

Consignees are requested to surrender
their Bills of Lading to the Underwriter
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Hong Kong, 7th April, 1931. [584]

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FROM	PER	Due
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Shanghai and Swatow ...	Swatow ...	9th April
JAPAN and AMOY ...	Tyiboda ...	9th April
SHANGHAI and EUROPE via SIBERIA (London, 21st March) ...	Mingapore ...	9th April
Southern via Suez (Letters and Papers, London, 12th Mar. and Parcel, 5th March) ...	Kalyan ...	9th April
U.S.A., CANADA, JAPAN and SHANGHAI (Seattle, 21st March) and EUROPE via SIBERIA (London, 23rd Mar.) ...	Free. Jefferson ...	10th April
JAPAN, SHANGHAI and EUROPE via SIBERIA (London, 20th March) ...	Karmala ...	10th April
SHANGHAI and SWATOW ...	Sinkiang ...	11th April
JAPAN and SHANGHAI ...	Hikokawa Maru ...	12th April
SHANGHAI and AMOY ...	Tyiboda ...	12th April
MANILA ...	Shingwa Maru ...	12th April
AUSTRALIA and MANILA ...	Changda ...	12th April
BAFARIA ...	Yan Hui ...	12th April
AUSTRALIA and MANILA ...	Tyiboda ...	12th April
JAPAN and SHANGHAI ...	Antona Maru ...	14th April
JAPAN and SHANGHAI ...	Angers ...	14th April
JAPAN and SHANGHAI ...	Hakokaki Maru ...	17th April
STRAITS ...	Haruna Maru ...	17th April
U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN and SHANGHAI (San Francisco, 20th Mar.) ...	Free. Adams ...	18th April
CANADA, U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN and SHANGHAI (Vancouver, B.C., 28th Mar.) ...	Emp. of Canada ...	18th April
U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN and SHANG- HAI (San Francisco, 24th Mar.) ...	Tyiboda ...	20th April
U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN and SHANG- HAI (San Francisco, 27th Mar.) ...	Free. Grant ...	20th April
JAPAN ...	Kamo Maru ...	24th April

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FOR	PER	DAYS and TIME
Straits, Amoy and Formosa ...	Crescent ...	Thursday, 9th, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow ...	Uchi Maru ...	10.30 a.m.
Swatow ...	Hydrangea ...	3.00 p.m.
Swatow ...	Solomon ...	8.30 p.m.
Amoy ...	Tai Yuan ...	3.30 p.m.
JAPAN, CANADA, U.S.A., Central and South America and EUROPE via Vancouver, B.C.—due Vancouver, B.C., 27th April ...	Empress of Asia ...	Parcels 3.00 p.m. Box, 4.15 p.m. Letters 5.00 p.m. Reg. 6.00 p.m.
Shanghai and EUROPE via SIBERIA ...	Empress of Asia ...	Letters 6.00 p.m.
Hohow and Haiphong via Hongkong Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ...	Kingman ...	Friday, 10th, 10.30 a.m.
Japan ...	Hui Ning ...	2.00 p.m.
Shanghai and EUROPE via SIBERIA ...	Kalyan ...	3.00 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and EUROPE via Marseilles—due Mar- seille 9th May ...	Karmala ...	Reg. 11th, 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.00 a.m. Reg. 10.30 a.m.
Australia (except places North of Brisbane) and New Zealand via Singapore and Brisbane—due Brisbane, 5th May ...	Karmala ...	Reg. 11th, 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.00 a.m. Reg. 10.30 a.m.
Japan and Canada via Victoria, B.C.— due Victoria, B.C., 7th May ...	Ision ...	10.00 a.m.
Amoy, Shanghai, Japan and EUROPE via SIBERIA ...	Takada ...	5.00 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow ...	Kwanchow ...	Sunday, 12th, 9.00 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa ...	Swatow Maru ...	9.00 a.m.
Hohow and Bangkok ...	Kiangsu ...	Monday, 13th, 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu and S. Am. Swatow—due San Francisco, 8th May ...	Shingwa Maru ...	Reg. 1.30 p.m. Tuesday, 14th, Letters 8.30 a.m.
Manila and Java via Sourabaya ...	Tyiboda ...	Tuesday, 14th, 9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ...	Hui Ning ...	1.00 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and EUROPE via Marseilles—due Mar- seille, 18th May ...	Angers ...	Kowloon P.O. Reg. 1.30 p.m. Letters 1.00 p.m. G.P.O.
Swatow and Amoy ...	Van Houten ...	Reg. 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m. 5.00 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and EUROPE via Marseilles—due Mar- seille, 18th May ...	Hector ...	Kowloon P.O. Reg. 4.30 p.m. Letters 4.30 p.m. G.P.O.
Sandakan ...	Hui Ning ...	Reg. 6.00 p.m. Letters 6.00 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ...	Hui Ning ...	Reg. 6.00 p.m. Letters 6.00 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and EUROPE via Marseilles—due Mar- seille, 18th May ...	Hui Ning ...	Reg. 6.00 p.m. Letters 6.00 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday—due Thursday Island, 2nd May ...	Shingwa Maru ...	Monday, 20th, 1.30 p.m. Reg. 2.15 p.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

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HUAL, CHANG & TIENTSIN	"HANYANG"	On 10th Apr. 5 p.m.
NEWCHANG	"CHUSAN"	On 10th Apr. 5 p.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANSEUN"	On 12th Apr. 6 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUNNING"	On 12th Apr. 9 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGHONG"	On 12th Apr. Noon
HOIHOW & BANGKOK	"KIANGSU"	On 12th Apr. 2 p.m.
BANTAO, SHANGHAI, NEWCHANG & DAIKING	"LINAN"	On 13th Apr. 5 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SINKIANG"	On 14th Apr. 9 a.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"TSINAN"	On 15th Apr. 5 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SZECHUEN"	On 17th Apr. 8 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SOOCHOW"	On 19th Apr. 9 a.m.
SWATOW, WEIHAIWEI, CHONG & TIENTSIN	"KUEICHOW"	On 21st Apr. 8 a.m.
HOIHOW, PAKUOI & HAIPHONG	"KINGHOOW"	On 24th Apr. Noon
SWATOW, FOCHOW, WEIHAIWEI, CHONG & TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW"	On 1st May. 8 a.m.

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		Barometer at Sea Level	Thermometer	Barometer at Sea Level	Thermometer
Wladivostok	12	29.74	75.5	30	N
Nemuro	11	29.27	74.5	5	SW
Hakodate	"	29.27	74.5	2	SW
Tokio	"	29.55	75.0	2	NNW
Kochi	"	29.52	75.7	2	NW
Nagasaki	"	30.04	75.0	6	NW
Kagoshima	"	30.00	75.0	4	NW
Oshima	"	30.10	75.5	3	NNE
Naha	"	30.12	75.0	3	N
Ishigakijima	"	30.12	75.0	2	NE
Bonin Island	"	29.52	75.0	1	SW
Chefoo	15	30.27	75.5	4	NW
Shanghai	14	30.21	76.7	3	SE
Chefoo	"	30.35	77.0	3	SE
Wenchow	"	30.38	77.0	3	NNE
Foochow	"	30.12	76.0	6	ENE
Amoy	"	30.09	76.1	6	NE
Swatow	"	30.02	76.2	6	ENE
Taihou	11	30.17	76.2	6	E
Taihu	"	30.07	76.3	6	"
Taiwan	"	30.03	76.2	6	"
Koshun	"	30.01	76.3	7	NE
Pescadore	"	30.06	76.5	6	NE
Hong Kong	14	29.98	76.1	6	E
Gap Rock	"	29.98	76.1	6	ENE
Macao	"	29.96	76.0	6	ENE
Hoihow	"	29.94	76.0	7	NE
Pratas Island	"	29.91	75.9	7	ENE
Phulien	16	29.84	75.9	7	NW
Tourane	"	29.86	75.8	8	SSW
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Basco	14	29.98	75.8	4	ENE
Aparri	"	29.82	75.7	4	ENE
Tuguegarao	"	29.81	75.7	4	ENE
Vigan	"	29.81	75.7	4	ENE
Manila	"	29.81	75.7	4	ENE
Legaspi	"	29.81	75.7	4	ENE
Calbayog	"	29.81	75.7	4	ENE
Taoabon	"	29.81	75.7	4	ENE
Hilo	"	29.81	75.7	4	ENE
Cebu	"	29.81	75.7	4	ENE
Surigao	"	29.81	75.7	4	ENE
Saipan	11.00	29.81	75.7	4	ENE
Guam	12.22	29.81	75.7	4	ENE
Yap	11.00	29.81	75.7	4	ENE
Pelew	"	29.81	75.7	4	ENE
Labuan	14	29.81	75.7	4	ENE

April 8. 10A. 43m.—The anticyclone is central over N.E. China, has strengthened slightly.
Strong to fresh monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.
Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 1.42 inch. Total since January 1, 5.77 inches, against an average of 7.23 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON APRIL 9.

- 1.—Formosa Channel
- 2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamook
- 3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock
- 4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan

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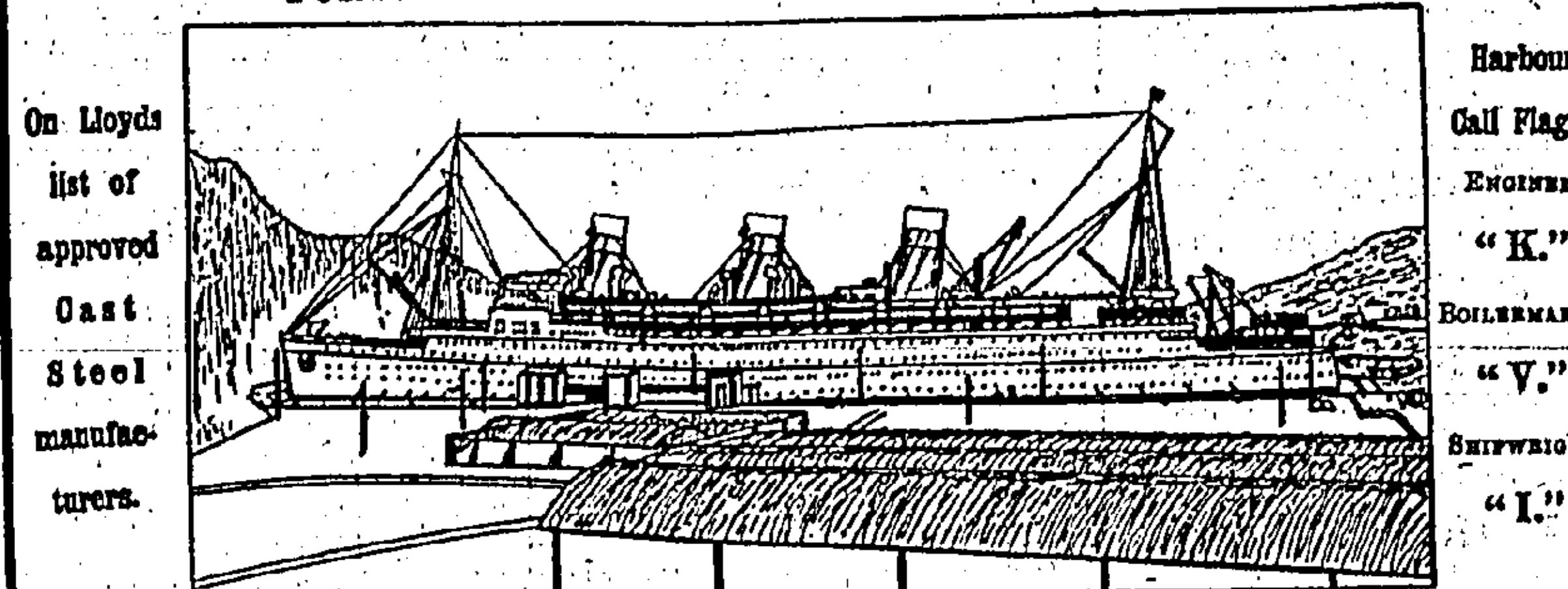
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SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"YUENSANG" "KUMSANG" "SUISANG"	Tues., 21st Apr., at 3 p.m. Fri., 8th May, at 3 p.m. Wed., 13th May, at 3 p.m.
OSAKA via AMOI, SHAL, MOJI & KOBE	"KUMSANG" "SUISANG" "HOSANG"	Fri., 17th Apr., at 7 a.m. Sat., 25th Apr., at 7 a.m. Wed., 6th May, at 7 a.m.
SANDAKAN	"HINSANG" "MAUSANG"	Wed., 10th Apr., at Noon Fri., 1st May, at Noon
TIENTSIN via SWATOW & FOCHOW	"CHEONGSHING" "CHIPSING"	Wed., 15th Apr., at Noon Fri., 24th Apr., at 7 a.m.

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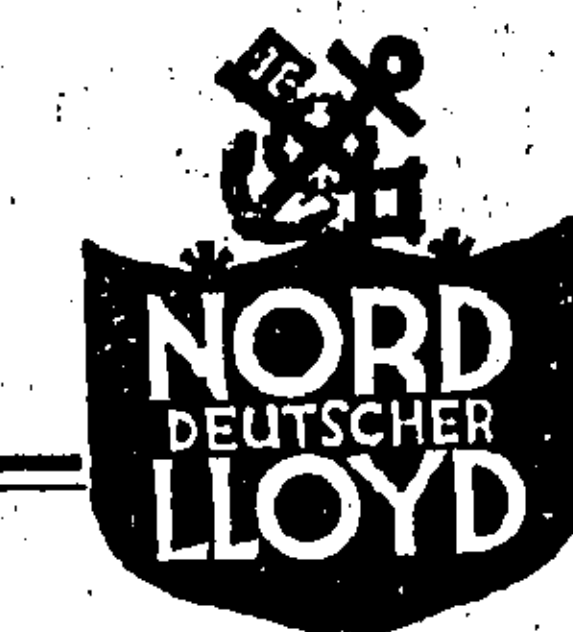
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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORTS 15,700 TONS;
THROUGH CARGO
33,200 TONS.

The returns, shown at the Harbour
Office, of vessels carrying cargo to
the Colony during the 24 hours
ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were:—

Cargo for Through
H.K. Ports

British
Emp. of Asia, Manila 4 32

Aeneas, Singapore 1,200 9,163

Tasulasa, Manila 3,000 —

Haining, Swatow 290 —

Linan, Dairen 375 636

Hydrangea, Swatow 70 —

German
Etha Rickmers, Manila 935 4,540

Fulda, Manila 337 5,070

Italian
Pilsen, Singapore 170 700

Col. di Sana, Saigon 800 3,000

Dutch
Tijpanna, Sandakan 478 2,817

Cromer, Swatow — 1,768

Norwegian
Fingal, Pamoehan Bay — 3,050

Hermod, Bangkok 1,008 —

Japanese
Yei Maru, Hanphong 3,400 —

Canton Maru, Swatow 883 —

Malacca Maru, Sakito 1,101 3,630

Paling Maru, Swatow 630 1,257

Total ... 15,895 33,211

ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS.

The following vessels brought
Asiatic deck passengers to the
Colony during the 24 hours ended
at 9 a.m. yesterday:—

Empress of Asia (Br.) Van-
couver, Manila 111

Haining (Br.) Foochow,
Swatow 251

Hydrangea (Br.) Swatow 133

Pilsen (Italian) Trieste, 81

Tijpanna (Dut.) Samarinda,
Sandakan 57

Cromer (Dut.) Amoy, Swa-
tow 748

Canton Maru (Jap.) Ke-
lung, Swatow 170

Paling Maru (Jap.) Tien-
tsin, Swatow 98

Total ... 1,649

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

The arrivals and departures dur-
ing the period under review were:

	Arr.	Dep.
British	6	7
German	2	1
Italian	2	1
Dutch	2	1
Norwegian	2	0
Japanese	4	0
American	0	2
Chinese	0	3
Swedish	0	3
Total	18	18

SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

The following merchant vessels
were in port yesterday:—

Wharves:—Kowloon: Malacca
Maru, Empress of Asia; Holt's
Aeneas.

Docks:—Kowloon: Haru Maru,
Vigilante, Cumberland, Prominent,
Haagsang, Corato, An Lee, Kan-
lon; Taikoo: Tuinoun, Hanyang,
Lion, Chuan, Kiangsu.

Buoys:—A2 Tjileboet, A5 Plea-
santville, A3 Ixion, A6 Tjipanas,
A7 Tinhow, A8 Patrick Henry, A15
Cromer, B2 Kutang, B3 Kwoiyang,
B4 Mausang, B5 Kiangchow, B14
Linan, B17 Graciosa, B18 Peking,
B19 Wing Lee, B20 Kingwan, B21
Hinsang, B23 Kachosan Maru, B24
Yuan Lee, C3 Hermod, C5 Hellas.

Tjipanas, Dutch str., 2,775 tons,
Capt. L. F. J. Van Duyken,
from Sandakan, buoy No. A2.—
J.C.J.L.

Yatsing, British str., 1,424 tons,
Capt. C. Alexandre, from Swa-
tow, West Point Wharf.—J. M.
& Co.

Tjileboet, Dutch str., 3,635 tons,
Capt. Schol, from Manila, buoy
No. A2.—J.C.J.L.

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ARRIVALS.

April 7.

Hermod, Norwegian str., 840 tons,
Capt. C. Andersen, from Bang-
kok, buoy No. C3.—Thoresen &
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April 8.

Alaska Maru, Japanese str., 4,553
tons, Capt. N. Saaki, from
Shanghai, buoy No. A11.—
O.S.K.

Canton Maru, Japanese str., 1,047
tons, Capt. Y. Iwasaki, from
Swatow, O. S. E. Wharf.—
O.S.K.

Cromer, Dutch str., 2,784 tons,
Capt. G. J. Harmsen, from
Swatow, buoy No. A15.—
J.C.J.L.

Deli Maru, Japanese str., 1,293
tons, Capt. R. Sanada, from
Canton, O.S.K. Pier.—O.S.K.

Hydrangea, British str., 601 tons,
Capt. P. W. Grierson, from
Swatow, Chiu On Wharf.—Chiu
On S.S. Co.

Linan, British str., 1,356 tons,
Capt. J. T. J. Layton, from
Dairen, buoy No. B14.—B. & S.
Norviken, Norwegian str., 1,779
tons, Capt. F. Ustad, from
Macao, buoy No. B16.—Bothel-
ho & Co.

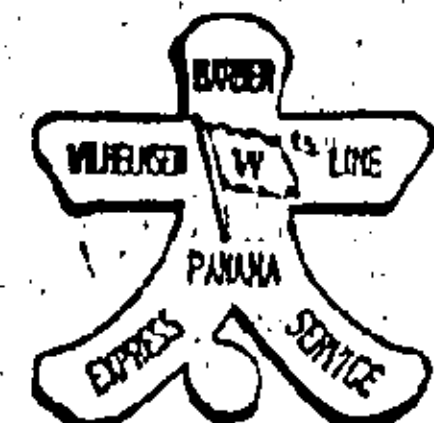
Plenories, British str., 3,400 tons,
Capt. Wm. C. Legg, from Sai-
toki, Kowloon Bay.—A.P.C.

Haining, British str., 832 tons,
Capt. A. H. Stewart, from
Swatow, Douglas Wharf.—
Douglas S.S. Co.

Malacca Maru, Japanese str., 3,210
tons, Capt. C. Ishida, from
Sakito, Kowloon Wharf.—
N.Y.K.

Tjileboet, Dutch str., 3,635 tons,
Capt. Schol, from Manila, buoy
No. A2.—J.C.J.L.

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Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"MIRZAPUR"	6,715	8th Apr.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
"KARNATAKA"	9,128	11th Apr. Noon	Mars, L'don, Hull, B'ham & A'werp
"RAJPUTANA"	16,588	25th Apr.	Marseilles and London.
"SOUDAN"	—	2nd May [Mars.]	L'don, Hull, B'ham, R'dm & A'werp
"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	5th May	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
"KALYAN"	9,144	8th May	Mars, L'don, Hull, B'ham & A'werp
"COMORIN"	16,132	23rd May	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"BURDWAN"	—	30th May [Mars.]	L'don, Hull, B'ham, R'dm & A'werp
"KASHMIR"	8,955	6th June	Mars, L'don, Hull, B'ham & A'werp
"RANPURA"	16,801	20th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	4th July	Mars, L'don, R'dm & A'werp
"RAWALPINDI"	16,819	18th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
"PERIM"	7,848	25th July	Marseilles and London.
"KEYBER"	9,114	1st Aug.	Mars, L'don, R'dm & A'werp
"SOMALI"	16,819	8th Aug. [Mars.]	L'don, Hull, B'ham, R'dm & A'werp
"RAJPUTANA"	16,588	15th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KARNATAKA"	9,128	29th Aug.	Marseilles and London.
"CATHAY"	16,121	12th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
"SOUDAN"	—	19th Sept. [Mars.]	L'don, Hull, B'ham, R'dm & A'werp
"KALYAN"	9,144	26th Sept.	Marseilles and London.
"KHIVA"	9,135	10th Oct.	do.
"BURDWAN"	8,955	17th Oct. [Mars.]	L'don, Hull, B'ham, R'dm & A'werp
"KASHMIR"	8,955	24th Oct.	Marseilles and London.
"NALDERA"	16,088	7th Nov.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.

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"TAKADA"	6,949	3rd May	do.
"SIRDHANA"	7,745	18th May	do.
"TILAWA"	10,008	27th May	do.
"SANTHA"	7,704	18th June	do.

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Panama Canal.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"KALYAN"	9,144	10th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama.
"TAKADA"	6,949	12th Apr. 7 a.m.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"BURDWAN"	8,955	17th Apr.	S'hai, Kobe & Y'hama
"SIRDHANA"	7,745	24th Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"COMORIN"	16,132	24th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TILAWA"	10,008	8th May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"KASHMIR"	8,955	8th May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"TANDA"	6,956	8th May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
"RANPURA"	16,801	22nd May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"SANTHA"	7,704	24th May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"KASHGAR"	9,005	6th June	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"ST. ALBANS"	6,956	6th June	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama
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"KEYBER"	9,114	23rd July	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"NELLOBE"	6,853	6th July	S'hai, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama
"RAJPUTANA"	16,588	17th July	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
"KARNATAKA"	9,128	31st July	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"CATHAY"	16,121	14th Aug.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"KALYAN"	9,144	28th Aug.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama.
"KHIVA"	9,135	11th Sept.	do.
"KASHMIR"	8,955	18th Sept.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
"NALDERA"	16,088	10th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama
"MADEONIA"	11,120	24th Oct.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama.
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